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# Miners accept 10% rise and 12-month settlement

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The negotiators' position must be endorsed by the full executive of the NUM today at which the familiar left-right split disclosed in yesterday's vote will be repeated. But that is expected to be no more than a formality because the negotiating team is a majority of the executive and roughly reflects the moderates' numerical superiority.

In addition to its impact on the Government, the decision will reinforce the TUC's complaisant attitude to the wage restraint guidelines. A senior member of the TUC General Council said after yesterday's meeting of its economic committee that there was a "conspiracy of silence" among union leaders to maintain a public show of opposition to the limit of a tenth on earnings rises while privately accepting it.

Two days ago Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said that despite their rejection of a continuation of the 12 month rule into phase three most unions were settling on that basis and that would help the orderly return to voluntary collective bargaining.

That attitude, coupled with the firm line taken by ministers, apparently convinced NUM leaders that they would get nowhere either with the size of their claim or their proposal for an eight-month agreement to expire on October 31, allowing the union to return to its traditional anniversary date of November 1 for pay settlements.

Ministers must also have calculated that the pit productivity deals now being introduced throughout the industry, giving face workers rises of £20 to £30 a week in return for marginally higher output, would sap their willingness to take action over the official claim drawn up by the union last summer.

The coal board's offer, which totals £75m, is to be scrutinized by a special subcommittee of the industry's joint negotiating body to satisfy the miners that they have got as much as the guidelines permit. An agreement should be computed by the end of this month, removing the most potent uncertainty from the winter bargaining season and diminishing the likelihood that other groups of workers will seek to challenge the Government over pay.

## Chancellor planning big Budget stimulus

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Responding to a variety of suggestions for this year's Budget from Labour backbenchers, ranging from the abolition of television licences to a £6,000m injection into the economy, Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday that it would be fatal to bring forward measures that looked like an election Budget, "particularly if it was likely to lead to a deterioration in our performance within the next 12 months".

Labour MPs had been invited to a special meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to give their views on the economy and to argue for the kind of proposals they would like to see in the Budget.

Mr Healey said: "Nobody should assume that we are going to have a general election this year." The Government might go on until after the spring Budget of 1979.

Last night, however, it appeared that most of the Labour rank and file still regarded an October general election as a near certainty.

Replying to those who wanted tax relief for the low-paid, Mr Healey said: "Either an increase in tax thresholds or a reduced rate band would concentrate help on people at the bottom of the earnings scale, and would reduce the impact of the poverty trap."

Income tax cuts would be particularly helpful this year because they would mean increased incentives for higher output in industry. By increasing take-home pay they would reduce union wage pressure.

He continued: "I cannot yet decide how big a stimulus I can give in the Budget, but I naturally want to give the maximum compatible with continuing to make progress against inflation. We must not lose control of inflation, otherwise all our hopes will be destroyed."

Reviewing economic trends, Mr Healey said the financial improvement looked as though it would bring down the inflation rate to single figures this month.

This sharp fall in interest rates had benefited the average family with a mortgage by more than £200 a year.

"This year the main job is to get jobs and output up", Mr Healey said. "We cannot get it up if inflation starts moving up again, but the financial improvement has already started producing some results in the behaviour of the real economy.

"Private manufacturing investment rose 13 per cent in volume in the first nine months of last year. Retail sales, seasonally corrected, rose 3 per cent in December compared with November, and there seems to have been a continuing growth in retail sales in January.

"Unemployment looks as if it might have peaked. It has fallen slightly over the last four months, and the 20,000 jump in job vacancies in January produced the largest number of vacancies since March, 1975."

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley), a member of the Commons Expediture Committee, suggested that the Chancellor should be adventurous in the Budget.

"The remedy is to pump into the economy a very considerable sum of money indeed", he said. "I think £6,000m should be the Chancellor's target."

Of that, £2,000m should go to industry, £2,000m to expand social expenditure and scientific research, and £2,000m to reduce certain elements of taxation.

As talks break down, January figures show Japanese share of UK market rose to 13%

# Tokyo rejects request to restrict car sales in Britain

By David Tharp in Tokyo and Edward Townsend in London

Talks aimed at securing specific public commitments from Japanese car makers to limit exports to Britain broke down in Tokyo yesterday.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) told British counterparts that it was impossible to make commitments to any form of restriction in terms of quantity or of market share.

News of the failure to reach agreement coincided with reports yesterday that Japanese manufacturers captured more than 13 per cent of the United Kingdom market in January, with unit sales up by 130 per cent on a year earlier.

In a month when, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Britain went on a "car-buying spree", the Japanese sold almost 20,000 cars, against 8,686 in January, 1977. The figures are bound to bring renewed demands to restrict imports.

British Leyland sold 50 fewer cars in January than a year earlier and the total of 32,522 gave the company 21.4 per cent of the market, against 28.6 per cent a year ago.

At the talks in Tokyo, the Japanese were asked to settle for about 9.7 per cent of the British market share in 1978. It was 10.6 per cent in 1977, this represented Japanese sales of 140,145 units. Only 1,502 British vehicles were sold to Japan last year.

SMMT representatives headed by Mr David Plastow, the society's president, told the Japanese to hold exports to last year's level while attempts are made to reconstruct the United Kingdom car industry.

The Japanese representatives said they fully understood the difficulties experienced by Britain's car manufacturers but pointed out that appreciation of the yen had lessened Japanese competitiveness.

In a joint communiqué JAMA took the view that "it will be unlikely that Japanese car sales in the United Kingdom will seriously affect the United Kingdom motor industry".

At a press conference Mr Plastow disagreed. He said "Japanese imports in particular have reached a stage where permanent damage could be incurred".

Much of the increase in the Japanese export figure in January is due to the ban on new registrations imposed in December by Datsun UK, the largest importer of Japanese cars. Datsun sales made during the month have been "rolled over" into January giving the company a market share of 8.7 per cent with registrations of 13,229, a rise of almost 190 per cent on January, 1977.

Datsun yesterday attempted to calm fears that Japanese cars would flood the British market this year by stressing that it planned to hold its 1978 share "broadly in line" with last year.

Toyota's January sales of 2,606 gave it a market share of 1.7 per cent, which it said was less than its average for the whole of 1977.

Total car sales in the United Kingdom last month were 152,350, a rise of 33.5 per cent on a year earlier and, said the SMMT, substantially higher than the industry had expected. British car sales were up by only 18 per cent while total imports rose by 53 per cent to capture half of the market.

More than 20,000 of the 76,000 imported cars sold in January were brought in by Ford, Vauxhall, Chrysler and Leyland from their European plants to give the four companies 13.4 per cent of the month's total.

Ford continued to consolidate its overall market lead and, including its imports, sold 45,735 cars to win 30 per cent of the market.



Car-bomb deaths: The wreckage of a car in which a corporal in the part-time Ulster Defence Regiment and his daughter, aged 10, were killed by a bobby-trap bomb at Maghera, co Londonderry, yesterday. Mr William Gordon, aged 38, a school attendance officer, was about to drive his daughter, Lesley, and his son, Richard, to school when the bomb went off. The boy, aged seven, was blown out of a window by the blast and was seriously ill in hospital last night. Another daughter, Lindsay, aged two, and Mr Gordon's wife, who were looking on a few yards away, escaped injury. Page 2

## Fears over children lured into pornography

By Penny Symon

Children in Britain, some as young as seven, are being lured into the lucrative world of pornography and are photographed having sexual intercourse with adults or each other, masturbating, and performing other sexually explicit acts.

The production of magazines featuring such material has become a multi-million dollar industry in the United States, and it was estimated recently that about 260 different magazines were being sold each month in adult bookshops across the country. They show heterosexual and homosexual acts, and some use girls aged only three.

In Britain, photographs are taken for sexual gratification and are then passed round a group of individuals with the same tastes, but the new aspect, which is horrifying senior police officers, is the increase in the amount of material being produced in Britain for commercial gain.

In the Greater Manchester police area, where Mr James Anderton, the chief constable, has instigated raids on shops, stalls and warehouses, 162,581 books, magazines and films, with a total face value of £445,025, were seized last year.

Mr Anderton said: "It is estimated by my vice squad officers that about 5 per cent of the 'hard porn' material seized related to child pornography in the full sense of the word.

"Books seized have included scenes of buggery, sexual intercourse, masturbation, sex between children, and other nude photographs, all involving children. Films of young children engaged in sexual acts with adults have also featured regularly in raids on bookshops."

A police officer told me: "I have been in the police force a long time, and I thought that it was impossible to shock me. But the magazines and films I have seen involving the use of children has sickened me. If I can feel like that, I wonder how ordinary members of the public would react if they saw it."

He estimated that about three quarters of such magazines and films available in Britain had been home-produced.

"It used to be the case that the bulk of the material was

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# Use of 'Red Terror' weapon will continue in Addis Ababa

From David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Addis Ababa, Feb 8

The "Red Terror" will continue to operate in Addis Ababa until all opponents of the Ethiopian revolution have been liquidated or rehabilitated, it was officially stated here today.

"It is a justifiable terror", according to senior political officials, devised by the "broad masses" to counter the "White Terror" introduced by reactionary forces who had tried to stir up civil war in the city.

No figures of casualties were available yet, the officials said, but they claimed that the extreme effectiveness of the Red Terror had been shown by the fact that thousands of young people were now returning and the schools were all functioning.

They also emphasized, in the course of a long analysis of the political situation for the benefit of visiting journalists, that the aim of the people was not killing for its own sake: it was to defend the revolution. Every effort was made, in many cases successfully, to rehabilitate their opponents. Only the most dangerous ones had to be liquidated.

"The question of violence cannot be approached from a purely moral abstract point of view. It is not a moral issue", an official said. "No sane person wants violence for the sake of it. The masses are struggling for freedom and liberation, to get rid of exploitation and oppression."

A more reassuring view—that after this period of struggle, life in the city had largely returned to normal—was given today by the Mayor of Addis Ababa, Mr Alemu. Explaining that their comrades had been assassinated at the rate of five or six a day, he said their class enemies had finally been "hit".

He went on: "Now in Addis Ababa people can walk freely, they can go to work and sleep peacefully, they can go to market without any danger of being involved in a skirmish. The city is very, very peaceful now." [The curfew runs from midnight to 5 am.]

"We do not say the White Terror has been eliminated", Mr Alemu added. "We say it has been subdued. The only way to stop it is when the enemy has been eliminated and the revolution has consolidated itself."

The mayor, an elected official and obviously deeply moved by love for his city, also explained how he rose from the ranks of the *kebele*, local districts which have formed themselves into economic, social and defensive units and are striving to better themselves through revolutionary zeal and self-help.

The *kebele* had assured the people true human rights, he said, whereas in pre-revolutionary days the imperial family and leading nobility owned vast tracts of land in the city and no one had security of tenure.

The war in the Ogaden is also seen by political theorists as an aspect of the class struggle, at a higher level. It is, being conducted by the "reactionary ruling class of Somalia", it is claimed, in an attempt to halt progress towards a socialist society in Ethiopia.

"Their main objective is not to take away our territory, but to get rid of our revolution", it is affirmed.

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## Mr Sadat perseveres for peace

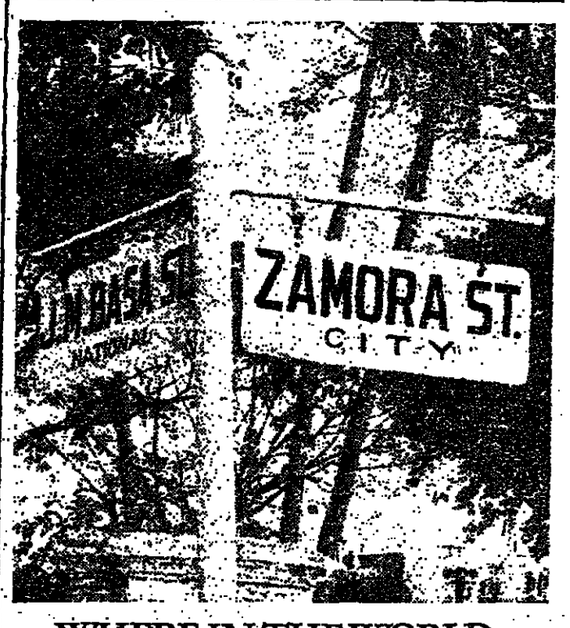
From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 8

President Sadat left Washington today, promising to persevere in the search for peace. He told President Carter in a departure ceremony at the White House that he had arrived disheartened and discouraged but that he would never fail the American people or their President.

Mr Carter said that the road to peace was long and difficult, and Mr Sadat accepted this analysis. No mention was made of the possibility of America selling arms to Egypt. President Sadat had asked for them, and had explained his needs to sympathetic Congressmen.

The matter, accorindg to Administration sources, is still under discussion. Eventually, Mr

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## South African blacks face forced labour

Under proposed legislation in South Africa, blacks who are unemployed for more than 122 days in any year will be liable to be sent to work camps. Blacks will also become citizens of the homelands and cease to be citizens of South Africa Page 7

## Ministers 'cynical'

A tendency by ministers to by-pass Parliament through the use of statutory instruments is condemned in a report by the Joint Select Committee on Statutory Instruments. The committee says the attitude of the executive has amounted to a "cynical disregard of the rights of the subject" Page 3

## Curb on degree

Approval for the Polytechnic of North London's BSc in sociology has been limited to two years instead of the usual five. The Council for National Academic Awards, which validates polytechnic degrees, asked to see teaching materials after hearing complaints from staff about Marxist bias in the course Page 2

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## Americans step up pressure on Israel

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## US letter hints that Britain should drop Windscale plan

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The United States Government has come as near as diplomatically possible to asking the British Government not to proceed with plans for the spent nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale.

The hint comes in a letter to the Foreign Office from Mr Joseph Nye, a State Department under-secretary, who is responsible for explaining the Carter Administration's nuclear policy to other countries.

Issues raised in the letter about the possible spread of weapons from reprocessing will be examined today by the group that advises Dr Owen, Foreign Secretary, on non-proliferation.

Attention is drawn to a misunderstanding of United States policy, which, according to the State Department, arose at the Windscale inquiry.

The Foreign Office has been asked to pass a clarification of the policy to Mr Justice Parker, the tribunal inspector, who has prepared the report of the hearings for a government decision.

While it is recognized that the question of building a 1,200 tonne reprocessing plant at Windscale is a matter for the British Government to decide, reasons are given for American opposition to such an operation. They are those given in the intergovernmental negotiations that preceded the Downing Street summit last May.

In the American view testimony to the Windscale inquiry drew unwarranted conclusions about United States policy to support the case for building a reprocessing plant.

A moratorium on the development of nuclear reprocessing has been adopted by the United States to reduce the risks of proliferation, and because reprocessing is not regarded in the near term as essential for disposing of the waste nuclear fuel from thermal reactors. It is argued that reprocessing might exacerbate waste disposal.

It is recognized that some non-nuclear countries regard a halt of reprocessing as "trying to apply the discriminating features of the non-proliferation treaty to the civil field".

However, "the United States is not prepared to encourage weapons states proceeding with new reprocessing plants".

A misunderstanding seems to have arisen from action last September by the American Department of Energy to help Japan and British Nuclear Fuels to cope with a specific consignment.

"Unwarranted conclusions" have apparently been drawn from this help intended to avoid disruption of existing atomic energy programmes.

The issues arose over a consignment of enriched oxide fuel that was produced in America for use in a Japanese reactor. A Japanese power company wanted to send fuel elements of that material to British Nuclear Fuels' plant at Windscale for storage before reprocessing.

The American licence granted for the shipment was not an endorsement of reprocessing. It came under a decision to accommodate countries' needs on a case-by-case basis. Such licences could not be taken as a matter of course for fuels to be fed into a new reprocessing plant.

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HOME NEWS

# Booby-trap murder of UDR man and daughter strengthen calls for change in security policy

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

In the face of renewed Provisional IRA violence throughout Northern Ireland the Government is coming under strong pressure from "loyalist" politicians and the Conservative Party to reconsider its security policy of concentrating extra responsibility on locally recruited forces.

Mounting anger among the Protestant community during a year that had seen four deaths, 77 explosions and 62 people wounded by terrorism came to a head yesterday after one of the most gruesome Provisional IRA outrages since 1969.

A part-time soldier and his young daughter were blown to pieces by a booby-trap while his wife and another of their children looked on a few yards away. The dead man was Mr William Gordon, aged 36, a part-time corporal in the Ulster Defence Regiment, who worked as a school attendance officer in Maghera, a market town in co Londonderry.

The Peace Movement organized silent protests outside the Provisional Sinn Fein offices in Belfast and in a republican district of Londonderry, but demonstrators suffered at the hands of IRA sympathizers.

On Falls Road, in Belfast, a dozen demonstrators, including Miss Mairead Corrigan, the Nobel Prize winner, were attacked by women and youths. One demonstrator was taken to hospital with blood streaming from his wounds after he had been kicked to the ground.

In Londonderry a hijacked bus was set on fire close to the demonstrators and a suspected bomb planted.

Angry demands for the Government to reverse the cut in British troops and intensify activity in republican areas came from a wide range of loyalist politicians. Much of the bitterest criticism was reserved for the recent optimistic remarks made by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, about the weakened state of the Provisionals.

That criticism was repeated by Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, in a BBC interview. "It does seem quite clear to me that the Army has got to be brought back into the picture", he said.

Mr Mason was in London for a conference to persuade British businessmen to invest in Northern Ireland when the attack occurred. After consultations with senior security advisers he issued a statement announcing "greatly intensified" police and army activity in south Londonderry. Measures weer to include full-time call-out for two companies of the UDR.

Mr Mason said: "The murder of an elderly woman at the weekend, the cold-blooded killing of a postman yesterday and the murder of a little girl and her father today are further appalling proofs of the Provisional IRA's willingness to destroy innocent life without mercy."

**Archbishop's condemnation:** Yesterday's murders brought immediate condemnation from the Roman Catholic Primate of Ireland, Dr Tomas OFiaich (the Press Association reports). He said: "Only completely ruthless an dheartless men without any feelings for human rights or the sacredness of human life could do such a thing. They should remember on this Ash Wednesday that some day they will have to give an account of themselves before God."

# SDLP says Labour just as bad as Tories

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Prime Minister was told yesterday by Mr Mallon, chairman of the constituency representer of the Roman Catholic-supported Social Democratic and Labour Party, that his Government's Ulster policy was as "reprehensible as the present Tory-adopted position."

Declaring that he expressed that view with "considerable anger and disgust", Mr Mallon, said he had asked Mr Callaghan to deny his point "and he did not do so."

Number 10 Downing Street refused to comment but a report said the SDLP men had chatted with the Prime Minister over a cup of tea at Transport House, and tha tno "meeting" as such had taken place.

That was not the view of Mr Gerald Fitt, SDLP MP for Belfast, West, who said that Mr Callaghan had attended the first 20 minutes of a meeting arranged by Labour Party National Executive Committee members with three SDLP delegates.

Mr Mallon's complaint was that although the Government was committed to having Ulster "governed on a consensus" it was "refusing to play that role".

A continuing "lack of interest and initiative" would make matters worse; besides, it also bolstered the defiance of the Ulster Unionists in the same way as the Tories did with their apparent abandoning of power-sharing.

The SDLP men, who included Mr Austin Currie, their chief whip, had hard words also for Mrs Thatcher, and Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Ulster.

Mrs Thatcher, Mr Fitt said, had said she was too busy to see them and suggested seeing Mr Neave now, or herself and Mr Neave later on.

Mr Fitt said they regarded it as "a waste of time to have any further discussions with Mr Neave"; and "on reflection" he did not think much could be gained from Mrs Thatcher.

# Defiance on contract pay pledge clause

By Our Industrial Staff

The Confederation of British Industry, angered by the plan to insert pay pledge clauses in government contracts, is taking counsel's opinion on the move and on its own retaliatory plans.

The CBI grand council will consider a proposal next week that confederation membership should be advised not to accept government contracts containing such clauses.

A decision to fight the Government over pay clauses was taken in principle last Thursday by the CBI's consultative committee. Although details were lacking it was known that such a clause was to be proposed and attempts were made by CBI leaders to head off what was considered a disastrous government move.

Industrials were angry and confused yesterday at the Government's announcement that companies would have to agree to abide by pay guidelines before getting government contracts.

Mr Tony Hill, director in charge of United Kingdom operations for Unilever said his company would not cooperate. "If the clauses are as I feel they may be I would not be prepared to sign them", he said.

Lord Robens, chairman of Vickers, said the Government's move was "a terrible miscarriage of justice". He said it was odd that employers, who were the innocent party, should be penalized, while unions that forced employers to pay over the rate were not.

Leaders of the construction industry, about half of whose work is for public clients, were still studying the implications of the government proposals. But the National Federation of Building Trades Employers said: "We object strongly to the use of contracts in the public sector as a way of enforcing an income policy. We regard this as totally iniquitous.

"The disruptive potential in an industry where upwards of 50 per cent of total workload is in the public sector is massive. We shall be issuing urgent guidance to our member companies as soon as we can accurately assess the likely effect of the industry."

Many companies doing business with the Government were consulting their lawyers on the legal ramifications of the pay pledge clauses and what refusal to sign might entail.

The issue is a sensitive area for Esso Petroleum, about 40 per cent of whose business is with government departments and agencies. The company, with others, is attempting to achieve a settlement with tanker drivers who have been operating an overtime ban for the past week in support of a pay claim that is well outside the guidelines.

Last night Dr Austin Pearce, the company's chairman, said: "In a way this is nothing new to us, because for the past two years, when involved in government contracts, we have had to sign a statement that we had not acted contrary to government policies."

In view of the volume of its business with the Government account would have to be taken of the latest measures "but there are, however, some important legal questions which need to be considered and we do not know the answers to these at the present time".

Boots, the pharmaceutical group, said it had been required to give written undertakings when asked to supply goods to the Department of Health and could see no difficulty in continuing that practice. But the group would have to make sure the new clauses did not commit Boots indefinitely.

Beecham Group, the pharmaceuticals and food concern, said the question of the clauses would be considered if it arose in a practical form.

Ibperial Group, which has tobacco, brewing and other interests, said: "We have already determined to keep within the government guidelines. But contracts with such clauses represent a hypothetical question at the moment. If we were presented with such a sitation then we should have to consider our position."

Mr Thomas Boardman, president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has asked for an early meeting with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to discuss both the principle involved and the practical difficulties that may be expected to arise from the Government's decision.

Our Labour Reporter writes: Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday rejected allegations that he was a "commissar" who imposed "dictatorial" sanctions against companies breaking pay guidelines. He disclosed that 5,507 meetings had been held by his department since August, 1975, in a largely successful attempt to persuade companies to stay within government pay policy.

He was speaking at a hastily summoned press conference over the Government's pay pledge clause in contracts.

Mr Booth said: "This is a voluntary policy; we are not pushing employers or trade unions about. We inherited a statutory policy from the Tories, which we dismantled. Since then we have been in the business of persuading people."

In the placing of government contracts "we would certainly expect nationalized industries to act in the same way as the Government. If sponsoring ministers found evidence to the contrary we should have to look at the situation again."

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Careful vetting of recruits after paramilitary infiltration

# UDR is no longer a 'Dads Army'

From Our Own Correspondent
Belfast

The murder this week of two Protestant members of the Ulster Defence Regiment has again focused attention on the unique role of the most controversial and fastest growing arm of the security forces in Northern Ireland.

First mooted in the report of the Hunt Committee, the UDR was established by Act of Parliament in the violent month of December, 1969. It came into operation in the aftermath of the disbandment of the B Specials, the excluseively Protestenant force that had for many years been a source of fear and friction among the Roman Catholic minority.

The regiment has rapidly grown into the largest inside the British Army, with a rile and composition significantly different from other units. Its members are never used for riot control or interrogation and all, bith full-timers and part-timers, operate from their own homes. They are never deployed outside Ulster, although an increasing number are trained in England.

Two thirds of the eight thousand UDR members are part-timers and it is that fact that has made them such vulnerable IRA targets. To date 84 (including three women) have been killed by terrorists, most of them when off duty and out of uniform.

Because the regiment is 98 per cent Protestant it has been the subject of repeated attacks by Roman Catholic politicians. Criticism has been fuelled by the number of UDR men shown in court cases to have combined regimental duties with membership of Protestant paramilitary groups, including the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force.

The Protestant character of the regiment is reluctantly acknowledged by the British authorities, who say that it is due to IRA intimidation. When the regiment was founded Roman Catholics made up 18 per cent of its members.

Under the Government's long-term plan of "Ulsterization", the full-time complement of the UDR has been increased substantially over the past two years and n some less troubled areas it has taken over responsibility from regular units. There are eight socalled "tacti al areas of responsibility" where the UDR provides immediate support for the police.

Split into 11 battalions throughout the province, the UDR is conscious that in the past extreme Protestants have penetrated its ranks for their own ends. Much energy is now devoted to the vetting of new recuits, and each battalion is under the command of an officer seconded from the regular British Army. Although increasing professionalism and improved weaponry have eliminated the early "Dad's Army" image of the regiment, senior officers addit that it will be harder to broaden its religious base in Ulster's present atmosphere of tension.

# Lottery aims at £20m for charity

Britain's first national lottery was launched yesterday with the aim of raising £20m a year for charity. It is called Cashcade and will be run by the Ladbroke chain of betting offices in 100 towns and cities. Each ticket will cost 25p and prizes will range from 50p to £1,000.

# French free conscript from London

From Ian Murray
Paris

The 43rd Infantry Regiment at Lille lost a new and very unwilling recruit yesterday when the military authorities agreed to exempt Gilles Lydon-Braies, aged 19, of London, from compulsory national service. Hhe had been arrested at Calais at the weekend.

The police, noticing his French passport, had found his name on their list of conscript dodgers, but because he could speak no French he did not find out why he had been arrested until he was taken to join the 43rd at Lille.

There he discovered that the promise he had made to his father before he died seven years ago to keep his French nationality had its drawback. Frenchmen are obliged to do their military service. The police refused to believe that he spoke no French.

Mr Lydon-Braies moved with his family to England when he was two and never learnt to speak French. He was arrested when he came to France to visit his father's grave.

# Decision today on referendum

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Ministers have almost abandoned all pretence of restoring the referendum formula in the Scotland devolution Bill to its former state before it was wrecked by a Labour backbench revolt.

A final decision will be taken by the Cabinet today, but the Prime Minister and his colleagues will be told that the rebels have no intention of backing away from their successful amendment, which enshrined into the referendum that at least two fifths of the total electorate in Scotland vote "Yes".

The message will be delivered by Mr Cocks, Government Chief Whip, who has told Mr Foot, Leader of the House, that there is no chance of getting the recalcitrants to change their mind and support the Government's plan to remove the amendment.

Ministers are working on a compromise, which would be a government amendment inserting the figure of "one third" of the electorate. A decision has to be reached today because the report stage and third reading of the Bill are to be debated in the Commons next Tuesday and Wednesday. The crucial vote is expected to be on Wednesday night.

Any such decision would mean the Government's having to surrender to opponents of the devolution proposals, and it is by no means certain that even with the compromise formula the Cabinet can be ensured of victory.

Shadow Ministers, when they met last night, did not reach any decision on how they will guide the Tory backbenchers. That will be left until after a meeting of the backbench 1922 Committee tomorrow night.

The natural inclination, however, is to resist any government attempt to knock out or water down the 40 per cent proposal because it has already been approved in the Commons, admittedly with only half the MPs taking part in the vote.

A further consideration is the attitude of the 11 members of the Scottish National Party, who openly demonstrated their fury when the Labour rebels had their triumph two weeks ago.

The SNP will have to decide whether they can accept the proposal of "one third" in order to ensure that the Bill leaves the Commons with its original proposals relatively intact.

Indeed, some of the Labour rebels were saying last night that unless the SNP agrees to back the Government's proposed compromise they will abandon their qualified commitment to support ministers in the division lobby.

Two of the leading rebels, Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury) and Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden), are planning to table a further amendment at report stage. That would mean that the Secretary of State for Scotland would have to certify the number of those entitled to vote when the referendum is held.

# Kenyan in test case can stay

A decision by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal in a test case yesterday upheld the right of a Kenyan citizen to permanent settlement in Britain after his arrival as a visitor in 1976 and subsequent marriage.

The case centred on new rules laid before Parliament last March after controversy about marriages of convenience. They introduced a probationary period of 12 months before settlement was finally granted to allow the Home Office to check on whether a marriage was still in existence.

Several hundred applications for settlement were believed to be before the Home Office at the time the rules were introduced. The case of Mr Abdul Taib, of south London, was the first of several in which the right to be determined under the previous rule was issue.

Mr Taib, who married a Kenyan woman settled in Britain since 1971, was represented by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which described the tribunal decision as a major slap in the face for the Home Office.

Mr Ian Martin, general secretary of the council, said it clearly demonstrated that the Home Secretary could not bring in new rules with retrospective effect.

"It is a very important decision of principle for the future", he added. "It also means that many couples whose applications were outstanding on March 22 will now be freed of having to have the genuine nature of their marriages investigated yet again by the Home Office before the husband's settlement in this country is accepted."

The decision of the tribunal, which was chaired by Sir Derek Hilton, its president, followed an appeal by the Home Office against a similar finding at a hearing last August. It may also have an important bearing on future Conservative immigration policy. Mr Martin said it clearly implied that immigrants' status could not be changed retrospectively except by statute.

# Couple ask for trial by jury

John Simon Beverley, known as Sid Vicious, a guitarist with the Sex Pistols punk rock band, and his American girl friend asked for trial at a Crown Court when they appeared at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, on a drug charge.

Mr Beverley, aged 20, and Nancy Spungen, aged 19, a dancer from Philadelphia, were remanded on bail until February 22 charged with the illegal possession of 0.62mg of methylamphetymine, a restricted drug.

# Petrochemical plant objectors fear radio risk

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A report from the Health and Safety Executive on the risks of building a petrochemical terminal on the Firth of Forth, within range of military installations and warships sending out powerful radio signals, is being studied by the Scottish Office. A planning decision on the proposed plant at Moss Morran, near Cowdenbeath, Fife, and the associated shore terminal at Braefoot Bay was expected more than six weeks ago.

The latest obstacle to be thrown in the path of the development by objectors arose from fears expressed over the powerful Nato transmitter at Crimond in the Grampian Region. The possibility that the transmitter might trigger an explosion at the St Fergus gas terminal is being investigated.

The local action group that opposed the Fife development by Shell-Esso said yesterday that the possibility of an explosion being caused by radio transmissions had not been considered at last year's public inquiry into the development.

The inquiry findings are with Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland. The Scottish Office said yesterday that further representations from objectors since the inquiry report was submitted were also being considered. The Secretary of State had not completed his consultations.

Meanwhile the pipeline that will cross the countryside from St Fergus to feed the Moss Morran plant threatens trouble for the Secretary of State for Energy. Farmers are objecting to their land being disturbed for yet another pipeline.

One has complained that this would be the fifth time a trench had been driven through his fields. The disturbance had reinfected his fields with potato eel worms and bogged down his machinery.

The Aberdour and Dalgety Bay Joint Action Group, which has raised £5,000 for the campaign to divert the shore terminal from one of the most picturesque stretches of the East Coast, has added another hurdle for Mr Millan. It has reported him to the Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman), complaining of maladhas been sent to the Scottish Office.

The group contends that the proposed development in Fife warranted a planning inquiry commision rather than a public inquiry. "The issues are certainly important enough and the implications of a wrong decision serious enough", a representative of the group said.

According to the group's technical advisers the radio signals emitted by the military installations are of the same kind as those from Crimond.

A report that the British Standards Institution was to advoisre tighter safety standards has ben sent to the Scottish Office.

As the argument continues in Fife about the real value of a petrochemical complex, without a firm asurance from the developers that "downstream" activity would be guaranteed, bringing more jobs, Grampian Region has repeated its welcome to Esso Chemicals to return to the north-east coast, where the plant was to have been built.

Highland Regional Council is also keen to consider such a development in the Cromarty Firth area, where work has begun on a refinery.

Time is short for the company, which plans to have the plant operating by the third quarter of 1980, when peak production of the Brent field in the North Sea is expected and an abundance of gas products will be available for processing.

# Polytechnic's degree is granted limited approval

By Ian Bradley

The BSc sociology degree at the Polytechnic of North London (PNL) has been approved for only two years instead of the usual five.

In a letter to Mr Terence Miller, director of the polytechnic, the Council for National Academic Awards says it is seriously concerned at the academic ethos in the sociology department, which has often been accused of Marxist bias.

The degree came up for reapproval last summer from the council, which validates all degrees taken at Britain's 30 polytechnics. The council asked to see teaching materials after hearing complaints about bias from members of staff.

The sociological studies board then approved the degrees for a year from November, 1977. After examining further material, it has agreed to extend approval of the course for another year.

The Board will visit the polytechnic in the summer and has asked to see a full set of agreed syllabuses for the degree. Four syllabuses, on social theory, education, industrialized societies and the sociology of underdeveloped societies, which have been criticized for slant, are being revised.

In the letter to Mr Miller, the council said it was disturbed that some sociology staff felt the opportunity for free and open discussion of course content was limited.

Mrs Cynthia Iliffe, the council's registrar for business and social studies, said the actual teaching schemes used at the PNL seemed to bear little relation to the teaching schemes for the degree that had been approved or to the new syllabuses that were being proposed.

In the letter the council states its intention of continuing to oversee the content and organization of the courses. The board may wish to call for past and future examination scripts and has asked to be kept informed of any decision by the polytechnic to shred examination scripts.

# Wider powers sought for job subsidies

The Government, under pressure from the European Economic Community to modify its temporary employment subsidy scheme, introduced a Bill yesterday to widen its powers to bring in measures to relieve unemployment.

The Employment Subsidies Bill will allow it to continue the subsidy for the time being, expand its small firms employment subsidy programme, and introduce new schemes.

EEC oficials in Brussels have objected that the temporary employment subsidy which gives firms £20 a week for each employee retrained who would have otherwise been made redundant, subsidizes unfair competition.

Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, has already made clear that any modifications to the scheme wil be carried out only when it is possible to provide alternative support through other schemes. The new Bill would give the Government those powers.

# Woman doctors' and nurses high suicide risks

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Woman doctors and nurses are more likely to commit suicide than other comparable groups of women, according to a government report published today.

By comparison, women teachers with a similar social background and exposed to similar stresses at work have no where near the same high suicide rate. The fact was further evidence that access to a quick and painless means of ending life at a time of severe depression was an important factor in suicide, the report on occupational mortality in 1970-72 says.

The figures for suicides among the women above the national proportion (base equalling 100) were: Woman doctors, 625; nurses, 262; primary and secondary school teachers, 146; authors and journalists, 433.

The report, which analyses differences by social class, confirms other findings that the higher the social class the longer will be the person's working life. Professional men in England and Wales live on average five years longer than unskilled labourers and during working life the average is three years and nine months longer.

The death rates implied that 36 per cent of men in unskilled work died before retirement, compared with 23 per cent of professional men.

Differences between classes were clear and regular at all ages, but the greatest occurred towards the end of the first year of life. They were present for al conditions, but more so for acute brochities, bronchopneumania and accidents than for conditions arising during pregnancy or childbirth.

*Occupational Mortality 1970-72* (Stationery Office, £4.75).

# Asbestos-linked cancer deaths still rising

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

Illnesses contracted at work spring from such unusual sources os inhalation of vaporized lead from the firing of revolvers in an indoor police range to dockers struck by skin trouble after handling mouldy shea nuts, a government report, published yesterdaw, notes.

The cases, which also include one of anthrax in a studen of leather technology who de aired o Japanese goatskin without wearing gloves, illustrates the range of health and safety at work, which now concerns the Employment Medical Advisory Services (Emas).

Asbestos-linked disease continues to be of great concern; but, because of the natural history of asbestos-related disease, it may be some time before significant conclusions can be drawn from a survey of more than 24,000 workers begun in 1971 to test the effectiveness of the Asbestos Regulations, 1969, the report says.

Deaths from one rare asbestos-linked cancer of the chest lining, which may take many years to develop, have risen considerably. In 1972 and in the next two years the number of deaths from mesothelioma were 205, 215 and 218, but in 1975 the figure rose to 260.

*Health and Safety: Employment Medical Advisory Service report 1975-76* (Stationery Office, £1.50, plus postage).

# Manchester theatre almost certain of its survival

By Our Music Reporter

The Palace Theatre, Manchester, has almost certainly won its battle for survival against the rival Opera House. After months of argument about which of the two merited financial support, the arts and recreation committee of Greater Manchester Council decided yesterday to support the Palace.

The decision must be approved by the full council later this month but that is expected to be largely a formality. The council is likely to give £150,000, plus £15,000 a year towards the theatre's running costs.

Many committee members had pressed hard to preserve the Opera House, which has o much more attractive façade, but the final vote was 13 to two, with some strong Opera House supporters abstaining.

The decision was greeted with pleasure b ythe Arts Council.

Before the vote the committee visited both buildings with Mr Paul Findlay, ossistant general administrator of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, whose preference for the Palace as a touring venue has influenced many people in its favour.

Once final approval has been given by the board of Moss Empires Ltd, which owns the Palace, and by the council, an independent trust would be formed to raise further money to renovate and improve the building. It is hoped that the work will be completed early in 1979.

The future of the Opera House remains in doubt: the plan to form a trust to keep it in operation as a theatre may founder

# More money for homes sought by Plaid Cymru

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

Plaid Cymru yesterday called on the Government to combine increased investment in housing in Wales with stable policies on housing expenditure to enable local authorities to develop longterm strategies.

The call followed a Welsh Housing Association report which showed that in almost every aspect housing in Wales compared unfavourably with that of other parts of the United Kingdom.

In a letter to the chief executives of district councils Mr Philip Richards, the party spokesman on housing, said that 100,000 Welsh homes were unfit for human habitation.

Nowhere else in the United Kingdom, he said, were conditions so bad as to condemn one in ten of the houses. He pointed out that of the homes designated as fit, nearly one in eight lacked one or more of the three basic amenities of an inside lavatory, a fixed bath or a hot-and-cold water system.

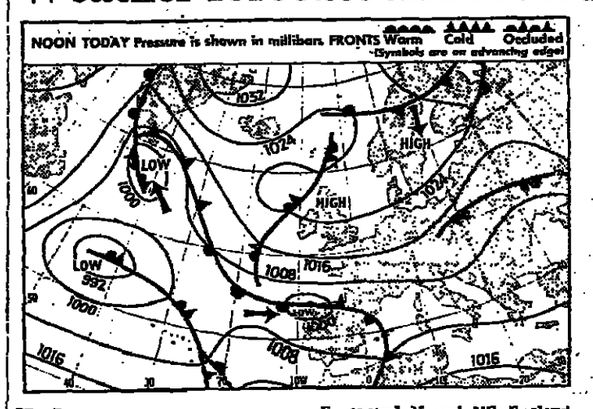
Much of that, he said, could be attributed to the fact that nearly half the population of Wales lived in homes built before the end of the First World War. "Nowhere in England or Scotland does the number of such people exceed 35 per cent."

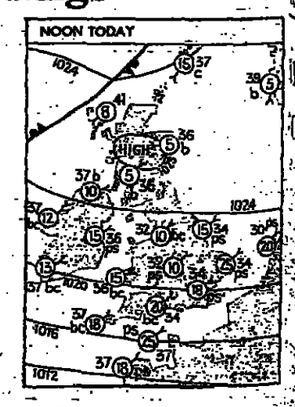
Mr Richards stated: "At no time during the present decade has Wales had even the minimu share of United Kingdom housing expenditure which would be justified by its population."

## Nurse dies in crash

Miss Jacqueline Simpson, aged 21, a nurse, of Shortwood Avenue, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, was killed yesterday when her car hit a tree.

# Weather forecast and recordings




## Today

Sun rises: 7.26 am Sun sets: 5.4 pm
Moon rises: 8.4 am Moon sets: 7.50 pm
First quarter: February 14.
Lighting up: 5.34 pm to 6.55 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.46 am, 7.2m (23.8ft); 3.12 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 8.25 am, 14.4m (47.3ft); 8.46 pm, 14m (46ft). Dover, 12.9 pm, 7m (22.9ft). Hull, 7.21 am, 7.6m (25.1ft); 7.28 pm, 7.9m (25.9ft). Liverpool, 12.5 am, 9.6m (31.6ft); 12.23 pm, 10m (32.9ft).

A very cold airstream predominates: all regions will be cold or very cold, with wintry showers.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE and Central S England, East Anglia, Midlands: Very cold, snow showers, rather cloudy; wind NE moderate or fresh; max temp 1°C (34°F).

E, central N and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Very cold, outbreaks of snow, perhaps moderate falls in places, bright intervals; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 1°C (34°F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Very cold, snow showers, rather cloudy at times; wind E, fresh, locally strong; max temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NE and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers, especially on hills; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, showers becoming more prolonged, snow in places; wind variable, mainly light; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Continuing cold or very cold, with snow, chiefly in E districts.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind E, strong; sea rough.

St George's Channel: wind E, fresh or strong; sea moderate.

Irish Sea: wind E, moderate; sea slight.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 3°C (37°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,019.2 millibars, falling.
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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ive on occasions been by what apepars to astonishingly casual attitude on the part of the executive in this respect, amounting on the face of it to a cynical disregard of the rights of the subject", the report states.

An instrument can be laid before Parliament in a "scruffy' form, with manuscript amendments, and there might be no prospect or intention of printed copies being produced and distributed to the public for weeks, during which time the instrument becomes the "law of the land".

"This happens too often, and the situation has on occasions ben further aggravated by the parent Act, although having received the Royal Assent, itself being unprinted and unpublished', the committee says.

"Answers which we have sometimes received from department officials . . . that the purport of an unpublished order has appeared in the trade press or was well known to those concerned . . . are not accpted by us as an adequate response to the problem."

Recognizing the justification for delegated powers as a means of removing subsidiary or procedural details from the statute book or to afford the executive flexibility, the committee says that delegated legislation itself should be "detailed, specific and self-explanatory and should not depend upon the exercise of ministerial or departmental discretion. . . .

"Circulars explaining or amplifying the contents of either primary or delegate legislation can be very useful to the general public and to the administrators. But we hope that Parliament will condemn subordinate legislation by departmental circular."

The report comments on a particular order dealing with disposal of waste where there was a right of appeal against the refusal of a licence but no details of how appeals were to be made. When the committee complained to the department concerned it was told that details would be sent out in a departmental circular to every person giving notice of appeal. Thee committee found that that procedure clearly failed to comply with the intentions of the enabling Act.

Giving its conclusion, the committee says it sees its function as an endeavour to ensure that statutory instruments are indeed subordinate legislation: "So far as we are able, we shall continue to assist is ensuring that delegated powers aree not abused and will not fall into disrepute."

*First Special Report fro Joint Committee on Sctuory Instruments. Session 1977-78* (Stationery Office, 35p).

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The survey, devised by Mr Ivan Reid, a senior lecturer in sociology at Bradford University, suggested that the readers of *Homes and Gardens* were overwhelmingly middle-class and Conservative.

Almost 90 per cent of those replying described themselves as middle-class, 63 per cent had voted Conservative at the last election and 75 per cent would vote Conservative now.

The women who replied earned considerably less on average than their husbands, almost half of them earning less than £3,000, while 94 per cent of their husbands earned more than that. Taking their husbands' income into account, half enjoyed joint incomes of between £6,000 and £10,000 and another quarter between £10,000 and £14,000.

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"Perhaps the growth of a pornography industry and the verbal obscenities which are hurled across football stands are each in their way further correlates of the pressure on men to adopt the new familial civilities".

The child had been the main beneficiary of developments in the twentieth century. "We seem to have created a children's paradise. No age has ever been more child-centred, or gone so far towards making death socially invisible.

"Most parents have lived through a dramatic shift in the standards expected of them. It is not enough, as it once was, to look after bodily health and physical security. Parents must also answer more than ever for the mental and moral character of their sons and daughters, despite influence from the street, the so-called peer group, the mass media and youth culture which they may fear but cannot escape.

"The old 'us and them' of the working-class mother is now a more generalized division as between the inner life of families of all classes, and the external public forces.

"Relations between the generations in all classes were prone to anxiety and put strains on the family unit. As a result they called into question the basis of our social order. He will deal with that question in his final lecture next Wednesday evening.

# Victory for Lakeland opponents of noisy boats

From Our Correspondent
Grasmere

In five years the Lake District's only water skiing will be on Windermere. That is the result of the 1976 Three Lakes Inquiry, whose report was published yesterday.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has decided to allow the Lake District Special Planning Board to impose a 10mph speed limit on Derwent Water, the same limit on Coniston Water, except for world records, and the same on Ullswater after five years.

The concession to the Ullswater skiers, he says, is made because water-skiing is well established there, and the skiers will have to find alternative sites. Nor does he consider powerboating of itself offensive there.

The planning board had asked for only a restricted area to be allowed to the waterskiers on Ullswater for five years, but both the inspector, Mr Michael Burke-Gaffney, and Mr Rees, said that that would be unworkable and dangerous.

The only point on which Mr Rees disagreed with his inspector was in relation to Coniston, where Mr Burke-Gaffney had recommended a total speed ban. Mr Rees, however, was prepared to allow world record attempts to continue.

Mr Geoffrey Berry, consultant secretary of the Friends of the Lake District, said: "This decision is in the interests of the vast majority of visitors to the Lake District who come to enjoy its beauty without the distraction of noisy pursuits."

# Science Museum copes with staff economies

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

The Science Museum is to go ahead with a full exhibition programme despite 11 per cent staff cuts which have forced the Victoria and Albert Museum to close one day a week and to restrict gallery openings from April.

From next month the Science Museum will be operating on a staff reduced from 557 to 494 (that includes the Railway Museum at York, where no cuts have been made); but its director, Dr Margaret Weston, is confident that there will be no admission restrictions at present.

There will, however, be a review in a year's time to see, in the director's words, "how many things are being stymied."

Dr Weston disclosed, in her first interview since economies were announced last year, that the museum had proposed the setting up of a second "outstation": a museum of applied photography in an existing building in the north of England. The scheme has been submitted to the Department of Education and Science, with which the museum has had a good relationship.



Dr. M. K. Weston: Museum flourishing under DES.

"I do not think anybody can say the Science Museum has not flourished in the past under the DES," she said "It can hold its head up with any of the trustee museums, certainly in the last 15 years. I have nothing against trustee museums, but I and my staff have been happy in the working arrangement between us; only now is the manpower situation making life difficult for us."

People who said the department had cut the financing of museums did not understand the situation. The only money lost way to pay staff.—"Otherwise we are well provided for financially."

In the next financial year the museum has a grant of £3.4m, which enables it to keep pace in real terms.

The new block, which rises two storeys above the old, is gradually filling up. The two top floors will accommodate the new Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine. The collection contains 250,000 items. One team is already cataloguing and another starts in three months. The Wellcome Trust is paying £35,000 a year for the work and the museum is to open by the end of 1980.

On the next floor down a display of photography is being planned for opening at the end of October. Below that will be the first permanent gallery to be opened in the extension. It covers printing and papermaking, for which an appeals committee set up under the ouspices of the British Printing Industries Federation raised £50,000.

The museum and the Department of the Environment have more than matched that amount in the provision of the gallery and its furnishings.

The exhibition includes a large, half-size model of the Koenig and Bauer press, which began printing The Times in 1814, to illustrate the coming of the machine age. Temporary exhibitions, such as that of Wedgwood, beginning in March, are helping to keep the new galleries in use.

"People are working hard to make all these things possible", Dr Weston said.

January's figures prove the attractiveness of the present exhibitions. Admissions totalled 299,650, a 69 per cent increase on the same month last year.

# No discretion for Acas on recognition claims

By Philip Webster
Parliamentary Staff

The Government was accused yesterday of wanting to restrict the discretion of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) in such a way that frivolous and capricious claims by trade unions for recognition would be favoured.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, an opposition spokesman on employment, made the allegation in the Commons standing committee on the Employment Protection Bill, a private member's measure supported by the Government.

After a Conservative amendment to allow Acas not to proceed on a recognition claim unless it was satisfied that at least a quarter of the workers affected were members of the union seeking recognition had been defeated by eight votes to six, Mr Hayhoe said: "We think it is wise to add to the discretion of Acas, but the majority of the committee have shown by their vote that they want to restrict the discretion of Acas and to restrict it in such a way that is favourable to frivolous or capricious claims."

Mr Hayhoe moved another amendment to give Acas discretion not to proceed with a recognition claim until it was satisfied that a formal request for recognition by the union had been rejected or not been dealt with adequately in reasonable time.

"The committee would be standing logic on its head if it was happy to accept circumstances in which a union without a single member in the company concerned or without asking to be recognized could go to Acas and start off the whole recognition procedure."

The amendment was resisted by Mr Edward Fletcher, the Bill's sponsor.

Mr Fletcher said that low-paid employees working in intolerable conditions might form a union. If the amendment was carried, six months might elapse before the employer decided on their request for recognition.

Debate on the amendment was adjourned.


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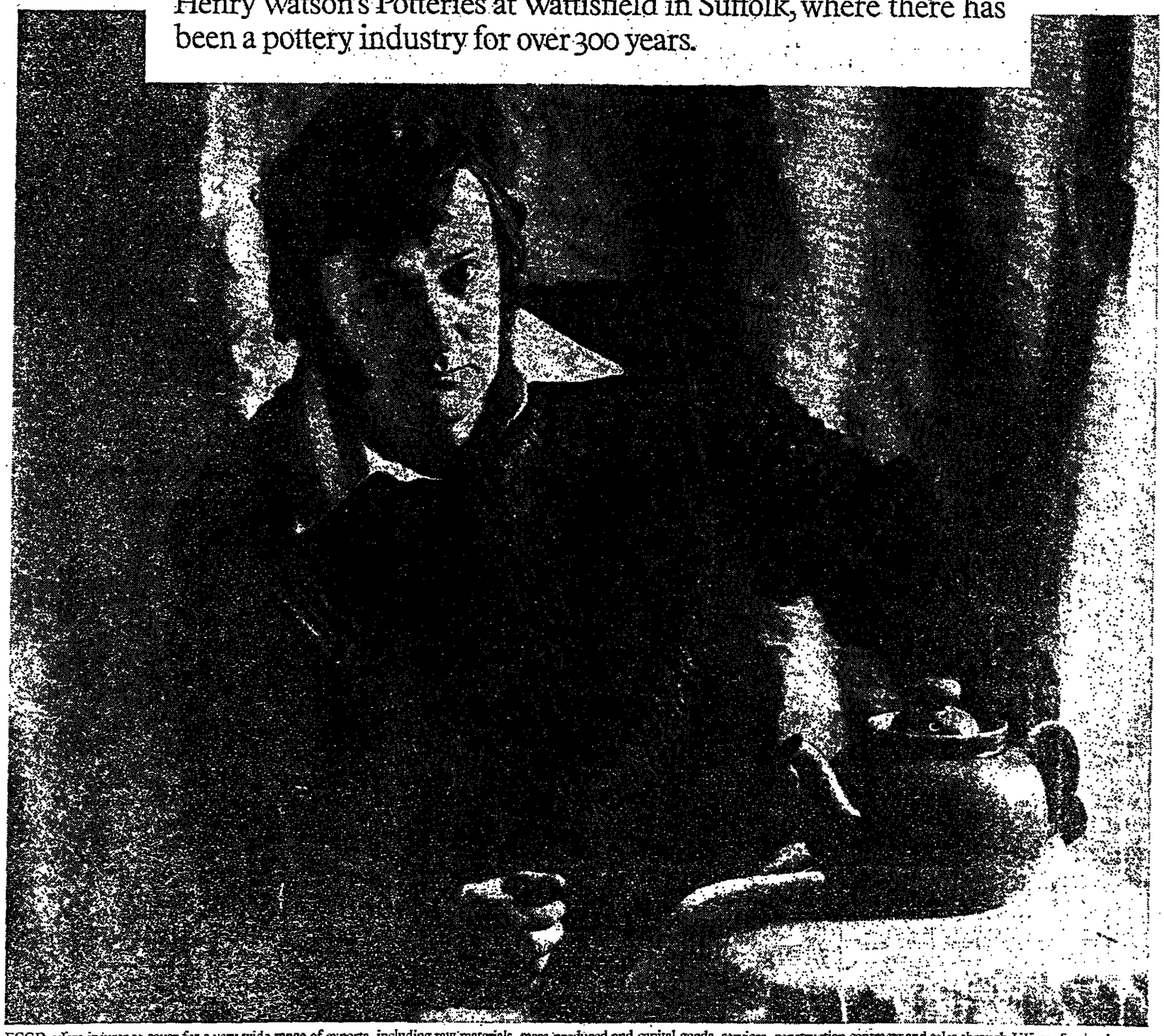
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# Multiracial schools report is delayed

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The Schools Council and the National Foundation for Educational Research have not decided whether to publish all or any of the first five chapters of a controversial 300-page report on multiracial education, Mrs Dorothy White, a joint deputy secretary of the council, said yesterday. She denied, however, that there was any question of censorship.

The report, which is the outcome of a four-year curriculum development project by a research team at the National Foundation for Educational Research, with a £145,000 grant from the Schools Council, contains many anti-immigrant remarks from children and teachers.

The main complaint in the report about teachers' attitudes is that they tend to turn a blind eye to race issues, maintaining that young children do not notice colour unless their attention is deliberately drawn to it. But that is normally a way of covering up "negative attitudes" toward black and Asian children, the report suggests.

It gives an example of a teacher who, when she read to children in an infants' class, sat the white children in turn on her knee but stood the black children beside her.

Similar "negative attitudes" are found in black and Asian children themselves. One child in her first term in an infants' school in the Midlands was found scrubbing her hands almost raw, trying to get the colour off.

The first five chapters of the report are explicitly intended to support the research team's argument that racialism is here to stay in Britain and that schools have a duty to demonstrate overtly their involvement in and allegiance to the concept of a truly multiracial society by means of developing a multiracial curriculum. The team's proposals for such a curriculum are given in their later chapters which constitute more than three quarters of the report.

Mrs White said the Schools Council's programme committee which must approve all council reports before publication, considered that th report contained valuable suggestions on ways to approach multi-ethnic education but had strong doubts about the first five chapters. It also considered that the report was too long and too verbose.

The committee, which includes representatives of local authorities, teachers organizations, the Department of Education and Science and the National Foundation for Educational Research, had therefore decided to publish the bulk of the report dealing with curriculum development, after technical editing, but to take another look at the first five chapters, possibly with a view to dropping them altogether, as some committee members would like, or to incorporate the research team's vies in a general introduction by the Schools Council.

# Store staff accused of 'pirate buying'

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Staff working in some Woolworth stores have been buying their own stock cheap outside and selling it at full price among normal stock in the stores, according to allegations in a report under consideration by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The report, into what the retail trade calls "pirate buying", has been compiled by members of Scotland Yard's fraud squad. The police would not comment on the report yesterday, and referred inquiries to the company.

Mr Michael Sherlock, sales and publicity director for F. W. Woolworth and Co, said an investigation in conjunction with the police began in 1976 and was still in progress. The sale of unlabelled merchandise was being examined and the inquiry was into pirate buying.

The Woolworth chain is the third largest in Britain, with a thousand stores, but Mr Sherlock said nothing like that number were thought to be involved in the investigation. No figure has been put on the amount of money involved and he knew nothing of any report to the DPP.

It is understood that police investigations have involved checking stocks and order books against warehouse stock at several stores. In one region up to half the stores were thought to be involved in pirate buying and the report alleges that at least a dozen people were involved.

Pirate buying means that, for example, items are bought at 50p from a discount house and then placed among normal lines of stock at £1. The difference is clear profit as all the overheads and staff wages are already paid.

The company concerned loses because its own stock is not being sold and staff can manipulate stock reports to show that "shrinkage", goods written off because of breakages or thefts, is smaller than it might otherwise be.

The company's image may also suffer because the goods bought at discount may not be up to the quality required by its policy and so its public reputation is tarnished.

# Axe attack may have had political motive

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating a possible assassination attempt on a former Iraqi student leader at Epsom, Surrey, are checking with other countries for details of attacks on Iraqi political figures.

Attacks in Europe and the Middle East in recent years have included an attempt last year on the life of a Kurdish leader in Switzerland.

If an axeman's attack on Dr Ayad Allawi, former president of Iraqi Student Union in Britain, a member of the ruling Baathist Party, proves to be politically motivated it will be the third time Middle East politics have brought bloodshed in Britain. Last month two Syrian diplomats and the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Britain were killed.

Commander James Nevill, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, was keeping an open mind yesterday. He issued a description of the attacker and asked doctors to report anyone with injuries similar to those he sustained.

The man, aged between 25 and 30, was of athletic build, at least 6ft tall, with dark curly hair and a thick moustache. In a struggle he was kicked in the face, bitten on the hand and wounded in the leg by his own axe. He was Middle Eastern or Mediterranean in appearance.

Mr Nevill said Dr Allawi awoke to find a figure stretching over his wife towards him.

The doctor was struck in the leg with the axe. His wife was struck on the arm, then her father joined in. The man escaped through a wood.

Yesterday Dr Allawi, who works at a London hospital, was still being treated in hospital.

Dr Allawi resigned from the students' union in 1976 and was then expelled. An Arab source said his relations with the Iraqi Embassy were good and he came from a well known Iraqi family.

Other sources have said that Dr Allawi, a political ally of a senior Baathist politician who was ousted from a ministerial post, became openly critical of the Baathist. His wife, a Palestinian Christian, is a doctor at an Epsom hospital.



Anna Ford, aged 34, presenter of the BBC television science programme Tomorrow's World, who is to join ITN's team of news readers. She is a graduate in economics and anthropology.

# Estimated bills left family owing £1,000

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

A young family whose electricity was disconnected after they had failed to pay a bill for more than £1,000 are to have their supply restored if they pay off £2.50 a week towards their arrears. At that rate it will take them nearly ten years to clear the debt.

The offer, made yesterday by the London Electricity Board, was described by the family's legal advisers as one of the most generous ever made. But Mr Patrick Lefevre, of Brent Law Centre, added that it implied the board's recognition of its fault in allowing the arrears to build up by sending only estimated bills for nearly two years.

The family, Mr and Mrs Olu Yinka and their three small children, are council tenants in the Church End estate, in Brent. Last year an independent consultant's report found that the minimum level of heating in a house on the estate would cost £220 in the heaviest winter quarter. The estate, built in 1970, as electric ceiling heating but poor insulation.

Since the plight of the 730 tenants on the estate was disclosed in *The Times* a government working party has studied the estate and advised councils not to install electric central heating.

The Yinkas moved in in January, 1975, and paid their estimated electricity bills as they arrived. Their first firm meter reading produced a bill in November, 1976, for £580. They questioned it but received no reply. Another estimated bill for about £40 arrived and was paid.

Last November, another reading was made. The resulting bill came to £1,038.39. Last week the supply was disconnected without warning and the bill adjusted to £1,174.

Mr Yinka is a student at a college of technology. He does not receive a grant. They live on his wife's earnings and child benefits, about £36 a week.

Mr Lefevre said: "What this family has been doing is to use their electricity normally because the estimated bills did not show them the true cost."

At least four other families on the estate have had their electricity disconnected.

# Jury awards £37,000 to policeman

Sergeant Michael Leonard Paling, aged 35, formerly of Scotland Yard's Special Branch, who was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court in 1974 on indecency and bribery charges, was awarded £37,000 damages by a High Court jury yesterday for malicious prosecution.

Sergeant Paling, now in the uniformed branch, of Foxley Lane, Purley, Surrey, was awarded the damages against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and Police Constables Daniel Toal and William Young, of the vice squad, who arrested him in the lavatories at Piccadilly Underground station.

The jury found in answer to questions put by Mr Justice May, that the two constables did not honestly believe their allegations that they had seen Sergeant Paling masturbating in the lavatories and that he had attempted to bribe them with a £5 note. The officers had acted maliciously, the jury held, and awarded Sergeant Paling £34,000 compensatory damages and £3,000 exemplary damages.

The defendants, who had maintained that they had reasonable cause to arrest Sergeant Paling, were ordered to pay his costs. They were granted a 21-day stay of execution in respect of £17,000 of the damages award, pending a possible appeal.

# Pregnancy tests 'harmed children'

By Our Political Reporter

Allegations that children have suffered damage as a result of their parents' having hormone pregnancy tests weer made at the Commons yesterday.

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, is to be asked to inquire into the allegations, which were made at the inaugural meeting of the Association for Children Damaged by Hormone Pregnancy Tests.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, who said the prime object of the association was to fight for compensation for children whose defects were serious.

"Some of the children have heart deefcts, brain damage, limb defects an dcleft palates", he said. "The parents told of assurances that hormone pregnancy tests would not damage the children." They complained about the failure of the Committee on Safety of Medicines to take adequate precautions.

## Doctor accused

Committal proceedings began at Cardiff Magistrates' Court yesterday against a woman doctor, Nalini Rai, aged 28, who is accused of unlawfully killing a boy, aged four.

# Man held at Rhyl in court today

A man arrested at Rhyl, Clwyd, early yesterday was taken to Derby police station later and detained overnight. He will appear before a judge at Derby Crown Court today.

Det Supt James Reddington, of Derbyshire police, said: "The man we have arrested and who will be appearing in court is Sidney Duncan Noble, aged 49."

Mr Reddington said Mr Noble had been committed in custody for trial at the Crown Court by Derby magistrates on September 24 last year. Three charges alleged burglary, with an alternative of obtaining property by deception. His solicitor applied for bail six times but in vain. Mr Noble then applied through counsel to Judge Brooke Willis on October 13. Bail was granted.

# Peyton pledge on food price policy timing

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Mr John Peyton, chief opposition spokesman on agriculture, fisheries and food, gave a carefully qualified pledge yesterday of an end to the use of the green pound to hold down food prices at the expense of farm incomes.

If it was ended immediately food prices would rise by an average of almost a twentieth and some farm support prices by almost a quarter. Prices are held down by keeping the green rate, in which the value of EEC farm prices is expressed in sterling, far apart from the fluctuating value of the actual currency.

"We in this country should seek to eliminate the discrepancy between the two currencies within two or three years", Mr Peyton said at a meeting of the Farmers' Club in London. "There are those. I need mention no names, who have already made the most of this by quoting what I have said and leaving out the words 'or three', which rather tempts me to make it instead two or three or four years.

"But that seems to me stupid and wrong and I will not do so. But I take this opportunity to say here that I regard precise timetables in such contexts as this as traps. The words I have used were carefully considered and are an indication of what we would hope to do. They are not an understanding to do something regardless of the circumstances."

Mr Peyton said the Government was misusing the green pound at the expense of efficient farmers while it propped up less deserving industries.

## Bore floods land

Thousands of acres in Gloucestershire were flooded yesterday as the Severn burst its banks in the wake of the tidal bore.

# Postal worker put Front note in mail

A Post Office employee who put an offensive note praising the National Front in a parcel of mail belonging to Mr Colin Barnett, secretary of the North-west Committee against Racism, has been traced by investigators and will be severely disciplined, it was disclosed yesterday.

The note found by Mr Barnett, who is also secretary of the North-west Council of the TUC, in a badly wrapped package of leaflets which was returned to him rewrapped by the Post Office, read: "Up the National Front. You are a twat."

A letter of apology to Mr Barnett from Mr Michael Berry, assistant head postmaster of Manchester, said "extreme measures" would be taken to ensure that mail was not tampered with.

## Hospital meal strike

Southampton General Hospital refused all admissions except emergency cases yesterday because of a strike by catering staff. Managers provided meals for the 700 patients.

# Solicitor forged divorce decree absolute

A solicitor being pressed by a client complaining of the law's delay forged a divorce decree absolute, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London found yesterday.

The tribunal accepted that Mr Alfred John Haynes, of Penn Road, Wolverhampton, gained no personal advantage from his action. He was said to be under stress and was trying to buy time so that his client, in the Far East, would complain less. He was now financially crippled and had had to dispose of his practice.

The tribunal stated that it had noted the recent remarks of Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, that it might be appropriate for a solicitor to remain on the roll where there had been no personal gain.

But it could not accept that it was appropriate that solicitors should remain on the roll after sending a client a forged decree absolute as a result of which she went through a wedding ceremony with another man and made herself liable to prosecution.

An order that Mr Haynes's name should be struck off the roll was stayed pending an appeal.

The tribunal ordered the names of Mr Peter Michael Simler, formerly of Southampton Row, Mr Syed Ahmed Rafique, of Cambridge Road, Southall, both London, and Mr Michael William Thomas Collingwood, of Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, to be struck off the roll. They have 14 days in which to lodge notice of appeal.

# 400 moved from blazing hospital

More than four hundred patients were moved from the Holloway Sanatorium, a mental hospital at Virginia Water, Surrey, when a fire caused extensive damage last night. They were taken into neighbouring hospitals.

Eight of the patients suffered from the effects of smoke. Twenty-five fire appliances were called to the scene.

# Church takes issue with Festival of Light on obscenity

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Laws against obscenity require a "sufficient consensus" in the community that its effects are undesirable, the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility states in its evidence to the Williams committee, which is examining the laws of indecency and obscenity.

But if such a consensus exists, the difficulty of framing and interpreting laws on obscenity should not be regarded as sufficient reason for dispensing with them altogether, it says.

The board's views are likely to carry weight with the committee, as representing opinion in the Church of England. The evidence, which was published yesterday, is much more "permissive" than the submission made by the Festival of Light, and implicitly takes issue with it.

In particular the Festival of Light has called for far more precise categories of banned material precisely because of the difficulty of drafting general criteria.

It became known yesterday that the chairman of the Board for Social Responsibility, the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, is to resign from the Festival of Light's "council of reference".

His decision is understood to have come after an incident at the General Synod of the Church of England last week, when Mr O. R. Johnston, the Festival of Light's director, consulted the bishop after he had answered questions about the law on child pornography.

Mr Johnston said yesterday that there was no controversy with the bishop, but a source close to the bishop maintained that there was disagreement about the proper role of a pressure group.

His resignation would mean the withdrawal of his name from Festival of Light notepaper, which carries a list of prominent people who give general support to its objects. The resignation is not, it is said, connected with the different approach taken in evidence to the Williams committee.

The board, in its evidence, draws a distinction between pornography and obscenity, regarding the former as less serious. It involves the stimulation of sexual desires in the consumer without reference to the quality of personal relationships. "The occurrence of a sexual response . . . is not in itself a point of criticism of a production", the board states.

Obscenity is described as a deliberate attempt to assault and destroy man's essential dignity and to distort human personality. "Common to all obscene productions is the degradation of persons and of relations between persons", the board adds.

It states that there is disagreement among the authorities about the effects, if any, of obscenity in achieving what it appears to set out to do. The effect may not necessarily lead to a change in behaviour, but may be the provocation of lust, anger or hatred.

"Obscene publications raise the question of the appropriateness of legal action in an acute form," the evidence says. "The English law has always been chary of attempts to control ideas and attitudes, except when those are expressed in cognizable actions.

"It has been least unwilling to do so when it can be shown that the communication of particular ideas led to actions which are generally agreed to be harmful.

"Legal controls on obscenity therefore need to be grounded on sufficient evidence that obscenity has identifiable effects and on sufficient consensus within the community that these effects are in fact undesirable."

In considering whether the law should be involved the board states that it starts with a presumption against it. But it goes on to refer to factors that weaken that presumption.

Society has a right to set limits to what is generally acceptable, it says, and to control assaults on basic social values. It links laws against obscenity with the law on incitement to racial hatred and the law on blasphemy.

The board also argues that the law may legitimately intervene in business affairs, as for example in controlling the manufacture and sale of arms or drugs. The production of obscene publications may be checked on the same ground.

Two areas are singled out, where the presumption in favour of legal control is strongest. They are the protection of children who may be ill equipped to withstand the emotional appeal of obscene publications; and public display, where control should be tighter than the general law of obscenity.

The guiding principle is the need to protect people from involuntary contact with what is offensive to them, regardless of whether it is legally obscene.

An obscenity law would have to involve subjective judgment by a judge and jury to some extent, the board states, but subjective judgment is involved in many other kinds of criminal prosecution.

The difficulty of producing an objective criterion of obscenity does not argue for the lifting of all legal controls. But the board points out that a criminal prosecution for obscenity brings wide public attention to the item in question, and may encourage public prurience at least as much as the offending object itself.

# Police urge government action to combat child pornography

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smuggled in from the United States, Holland, Denmark and Germany", he said. "But now, because our pornographers have realized that there is an eager market for it, and people are prepared to pay big money, they are producing it themselves.

"Imported magazines are used as the basis, and it is easy, with the modern photographic techniques available, to insert photographs taken here into the original magazine. That makes it larger, and therefore more expensive, and it is difficult to identify its country of origin."

The officer said that because of his investigations into sexual offences involving children he had been able to recognize several British children among those featured.

The magazines cost between £2 and £6 a copy, and he thought that in the London area there were about six people producing the material on a large commercial scale. They specialize in children, and most of the products are supplied by mail order.

The smuggled material, which usually enters Britain in large international container lorries, has titles such as Lolita, Children-Love, Piccolo, and Lust for Children.

Magazines that are not being used as the basis for home-produced items can be obtained in some bookshops in big cities, although they tend not to be on open display. They are also available by mail order direct from the producers.

The transport companies either allow their drivers to carry pornography and provide false consignment descriptions, or the companies are unaware of the material being carried in addition to the legal load.

Estimates about the size of the trade may vary, but police officers are agreed that the law is vague, confused and inadequate to deal with such traffic. They cannot understand why the Government is not taking more of an interest.

"I know that there is public concern about this, because of the number of letters that I receive, as well as the evidence I have seen myself", Mr Anderton said. "I do not believe that there must be a mass of statistics accumulated before any action is taken.

"Now is the time to do something; not later, when the problem is so large that it is impossible to correct. People can see that there is money to be made, and that they can develop the trade here, and rely less and less on overseas imports.

"I have had letters from teenagers who have been shocked to discover that these magazines are circulated in schools."

Another officer said the shortage of manpower meant that the police had difficulty in investigating the trade. The Home Office, he said, found it inconvenient to admit that child pornography existed. "But I have no doubt that it does exist and that steps must be taken to stop it."

The House of Commons will debate child pornography tomorrow, when the Protection of Children Bill comes up for second reading. Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexley, Bexleyheath, has framed the Bill because he feels that the law is inadequate.

The Bill would make it an offence to take an indecent photograph, or make an indecent film, of a child aged under 16. It would also be an offence to possess, with a view to production, any indecent photograph or film of a child.

At present police have difficulty in gaining a conviction under the Sexual Offences Act, 1956, because there must be evidence of assault on a child. The Indecency with Children Act, 1960, is concerned only with those under the age of 14, and its wording is not clear.

The Obscene Publications Act, 1959, has been described as the most useless legislation on the statute book. Mr Townsend thinks his Bill might go some way towards closing a loophole.

Mr Townsend said that when he approached the Home Office it first "said that the problem did not exist, then that it had all been exaggerated, and finally that it was impossible to do anything about it."

It mentioned the Williams committee, which is examining the laws of indecency and obscenity, and said that legislation in advance of its report would be bound to have "unsatisfactory features." But Mr Townsend said, "the committee is not expected to report for at least two to three years".

His concern, and that of the police, is shared by Mrs Mary Whitehouse, who has organized a national petition calling on the Government to act, and by the Nationwide Festival of Light. That organization drew the attention of the Williams committee to an advertisement in a London evening newspaper, placed by a West End theatre, which offered £100 a week to "attractive boys and girls".




Magazines featuring children that can be obtained in Britain.

Artists were required to appear nude and the shows included acts of simulated sex and homosexual practices.

"This raises an issue at least as serious as living on the earnings of prostitution when it is directed to vulnerable teenagers with such a high inducement to embark on a life which they might never dream of before", the campaign's evidence said.

Children in the pornography trade are attracted by the promise of money, although the sums they receive are not large, and by treats. In some cases, their parents believe that they are simply earning extra money by modelling for legitimate catalogues.

I spoke to two mothers whose sons were 14 when they became involved. The mothers said the photographer told the children that he worked for a clothes catalogue and made television advertisements. He produced contracts for them to sign, which they thought were genuine.

"My son was earning money, kept himself clean, trimmed his hair, and was not getting into trouble on the streets", one of the mothers said. "We were horrified when we realized the true nature of the photographs."

Those campaigning against the trade feel that children's lives are ruined physically and mentally by their experiences. That view is shared by Dr Judianne Denson-Gerber, a New York lawyer and psychiatrist now lecturing in Britain.

She has written: "A number of children and young adults who have posed and performed for sexually explicit films and magazines are now, or have been, in treatment programmes for drug abuse, delinquency, and other aberrant behaviour."

*Ronald Butt*, page 16

Taming the tsunami

The "tidal wave" created by the volcanic explosion of Krakatoa island in the East Indies in 1883 killed more than 27,000 people. Nothing so disastrous as that should happen today. For the fury of the dreaded *tsunami*, the great wave which rises suddenly and terrifyingly out of an apparently calm sea to engulf coastal towns and inhabitants, is now tamed by careful monitoring. Observers watch both the earthquake shocks and volcanoes that cause these catastrophic phenomena, and also the response of the sea itself. As Dr Keith Hindley points out in *New Scientist* this week, a new set of Soviet warning stations, commissioned last month, now completes the coverage of the Pacific Ocean, to provide Pacific coastal dwellers with a few hours of leeway in which to escape.




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WEST EUROPE

# ortuguese oalition nder heavy tack

n Our Correspondent
on, Feb 8
ie Communists today led the sition attack in the Portue Assembly on the plan for nal economic recovery put ard by the new coalition rnment formed by the alists and the conservative re Democratic Party.

Octavio Pato, a member e Communist Party's cencommittee, said the prome was "divorced from the s of the workers."

shor Joaquim Magalhaes , of the Social Democratic which refused to join the ion, asked the two coalipartners: "Who gave in to whom?" Senhor o Barreiros, of the e's Democratic Union, d the Socialists of uniting a party that had voted st the constitution. the to strike and land reform. Francisco Salgado Zenha, of the Socialist Party's mentary group, defended mposition of the coalition. was supported for the Democrats by their , Professor Diogo Freitas naral.

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plan will be put to the ate on Saturday or early unday. The combined th of the coalition is ed to carry it.

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# Berlinguer plan offers new prospect for ending Italian crisis

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Feb 8

The Italian government crisis moved into its third phase today after the Communist proposal made last night "an emergency pact" had opened the prospect of serious negotiation.

Most people agree that despite the Communist step there is still a long way to go before the country is likely to have a fully functioning government. The main problem remains of how far Christian Democratic opinion will allow collaboration with the Communists to go.

The idea of Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist leader, is that the Christian Democrats should form another minority administration made to look as effective as possible by choosing ministers strictly according to their merits, possibly adding some technocrats to provide greater efficiency, and reduce the number of ministries as well as that of under-secretaries.

This more vigorous team would apply a programme drawn up by the parties supporting it, including the Communists, who also demand "a clear and acknowledged parliamentary majority".

The proposal might well be enlarged to include the plan put forward by Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Prime Minister elect, to form a college of guarantors consisting of the parliamentary leaders of the parties supporting the programme, whose duty would be to supervise its application.

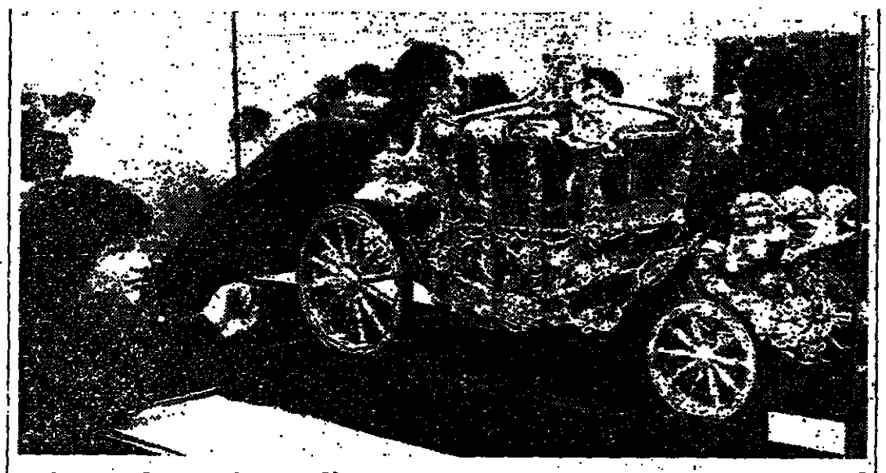
Signor Berlinguer's insistence that he does not intend retreating into opposition, is a sign that he now regards his party's vocation as governmental, despite restiveness in his own rank and file.

If he is to obtain his more limited demands, there must be some concession on the part of the Christian Democrats. Their official standpoint is not a model of clarity. While refusing a Communist presence in government, they have not convincingly withdrawn their objections to a position of equality for the Communists in an eventual parliamentary majority.

The right wing of the Christian Democratic Party appears in no mood to accord unquestioned democratic respectability to the Communist Party. Signor Berlinguer wants equal dignity as well as equal rights.

Signor Ugo La Malfa, the Republican leader who was consulted today by Signor Andreotti, agreed that in this third phase of talks there could be joint meetings of representatives of all the parties willing to draft the programme.

The leaders of the Liberal Party, however, explained to Signor Andreotti their increasing anxiety about a solution which would depend on a compromise in favour of the Communists. They see their ties to be with traditionally democratic parties.



This mouth-watering replica of the Queen's jubilee coach is one of 60 items at a Paris exhibition of works made entirely in sugar.

## Second officer's death adds to Rome mystery

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Feb 8

The mystery of the Secret Service officer found dead on January 30 at Bracciano, near Rome, deepened with confirmation today of the suicide of another officer three months ago in the same town.

The two men are said to have been friends. The first, Major Chiafavalli, was found shot in his car

There have been other alleged suicides involving Army officers, but only now have reports emerged of the death of the major's friend, Captain Eugenio Capasso.

## Spain and Portugal 'should join EEC at same time'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, would much prefer Spain and Portugal to enter the European Community togerher, even if they need different transition periods after entry.

Giving evidence for 90 minutes to a subcommittee of the House of Lords European Communities Committee, Dr Owen said: "I am not in favour of the Community going through a whole decade of continuous adhesion. Potentially that is very disruptive."

He hoped that the substantive negotiations with Greece could be concluded this year and the Commission's opinion on the Portuguese application would be forthcoming in March or April.

Dr Owen reiterated the alarm he had expressed at the foreign ministers' meeting on Tuesday at the delay in reaching a similar formal stage on the application from Spain. They should aim to have that by the end of this year.

He saw a danger that if the Community response to the applications took to long, the frustration caused might damage the very thing they were trying to encourage by bringing the new applicants into membership.

# Early Spanish election is thought unlikely

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Feb 8

Opposition politicians generally gave little credit here today to a statement by a government party spokesman to the effect that Senor Suarez, the Prime Minister, might call a general election before the summer.

The statement made newspaper headlines last night in Madrid, but it was laughed off today by Spain's foremost political cartoonist, periods, in the independent Madrid daily El Pais. In the cartoon, the Prime Minister, from the top of his pillar of power, orders his interior minister "to organize the ceremony of confusion."

Socialist sources doubted that Senor Suarez's party, the Centre Democratic Union, would risk the adventure in view of unfavourable opinion polls. Communist sources said the ruling party would have to exploit assumed favourable public reaction to the constitution, once it had been approved, to make such a strategy worth while.

It would be relatively easy for the opposition parties to claim credit as well for the constitution, as the draft was prepared by a joint congressional committee.

A centre Democratic Union spokesman said calling a general election before summer was merely "one of a number of possibilities." Such a course would not be chosen before final approval of the Constitution in a referendum.

If the plan for an early election is serious, however, it could be an attempt by Senor Suarez's party to take advantage of the fact that municipal authorities and provincial delegations of the central government are still appointed rathhr than elected officials. The Government's promise to hold municipal elections by the end of last year is still unfulfileld.

Political observers speculated that the ruling party made the election announcement to steal headlines from Senor Felipe Gonzalez, leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party. On Monday h demanded that the promised municipal elections be held without delay, and suggested that they could be held simultaneously with the referendum on the constitution.

## Tiger Moth beats storm

Rome, Feb 8.—Flight Lieutenant David Cyster, of the RAF, brought his Tiger Moth biplane down to 1,000ft over stormy seas today to avoid a snow storm on the second leg of his commemorative solo flight to Australia.

He landed in Rome after a five-hour flight from Marseilles. The snow storm over northern Sardinia, with winds blowing up to 40 knots, forced him to make a long detour and drop altitude.

Flight Lieutenant Cyster hopes to reach Darwin on February 28. He plans to leave tomorrow for either Corfu or Crete.—Reuter.

# ublicans shift their appeal from it to left of centre

# st Giscard votes sought

harles Hargrove
Feb 8

The French Elections

Republican Party, offiknown until its reorgan- in May, 1977, as the l Federation of Inde- t Republicans, is the of President Giscard ng, and is popularly he Giscardians. It is the largest—after the Gaull- the parties which intly governed France uptedly since 1962.

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A turning point came last May, when the party became the Republican Party, a change symbolic of the break with the old independent right. An effort was made under a new and younger leadership to shift its political orientation from right to left of centre, transform it from a party of notables into one of militants, and emphasize its reformist character.

The immediate object was to recapture that 2 to 3 per cent of those who had voted for M Giscard d'Estaing in 1974 and since strayed to the Socialist camp.

The change has been made too late to guarantee success in March, but the transformation and rejuvenation of the party has been effective. The Republicans now claim that they have a distinctly more popular image than the Gaullist Rassemblement of M Jacques Chirac.

In opinion polls, its popularity is two or three points ahead of the Gaullists. The party had 66 members in the outgoing National Assembly.

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Own Correspondent
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ing up the network, also found seven livers, hundreds of cartridges, 150lb of dynamite, 400 detonators and 100 yards of fuse as well as timing mechanisms and masks.

The bombings admitted by the group also included a police garage, a tax office, a bank, an electricity office, the St Malo courthouse and a statue in Brooms to Bertrand du Guesclin, a fourteenth-century Breton soldier who is considered by the autonomists to be a traitor

During the night the tax offices in Rostrenen (Côtes-du-Nord) and Carhaix-Plouguer (Finistère) were both damaged by bomb attacks. The police believe the bomb attacks were carried out to prove that, in spite of the arrests, the Liberation Front could still strike.

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# Protest against treatment of hijack victims

Berlin, Feb 8.—East Germany accused West German authorities today of violating international law by their treatment of passengers on board an airliner hijacked to Frankfurt on Monday.

Thirty-three East Germans were among the 41 passengers in the Czechoslovak jet hijacked during a flight from East Berlin to Prague. Three of them decided to stay in the West and the Czechoslovak hijacker asked for political asylum.

The East Berlin newspaper *Neues Deutschland* said that the passengers had been needlessly interrogated for seven hours and refused permission to talk to East German diplomats. The attitude of the West German police was "a scandal", and the treatment of the hijacking a violation of "all international laws and regulations".—Reuter.


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# Carter protests over Sinai settlements widen rift with Israel

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 8

The dispute between the United States and Israel over the new Jewish settlements in occupied Sinai and the West Bank has been sharpened by an announcement that President Carter sent three messages of protest to Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, last month.

The details given by the State Department do not elucidate the question of whether Mr Begin and his Foreign Minister, Mr Dayan, promised Mr Carter last year that there would be no more settlements, but they do make the American position plain.

Mr Carter is convinced that the settlements are illegal under the Geneva Convention and that they constitute a barrier to peace. He has said so before and the fact that this public rebuke to Israel should be issued while President Sadat is in Washington further emphasizes his position.

Mr Sadat takes objection chiefly to the Israeli settlements in Sinai. He is not impressed by the Israelis' contention that the desert was empty until they got there, or by their offer to recognize Egyptian sovereignty over the settlements provided that the Israeli Army can stay to protect them.

He considers that to be annexation by another name. The Americans agree with him. They cannot see why peace should be jeopardized by a couple of thousand settlers in north-east Sinai.

In his speech on Monday, Mr Sadat denounced Israel's preoccupation with security. "When we showed our appreciation of their need to feel secure, they began to put every conceivable item under the heading of security.",

"The annexation of territory became a matter of security, the establishment of illegal settlements on other people's land became a matter of security, keeping the Palestinians constantly under occupation and subjugation is a matter of security."

Here, the Americans might part company with Mr Sadat. They recognize that Israel has real, long-term security needs and cannot rely on the good will of an elderly Egyptian President with a heart condition.

Last night's announcement is certainly the closest thing so far to a real exercise of American pressure on Israel.

According to the State Department, Mr Begin and Mr Dayan informed the American Ambassador in Tel Aviv on January 5 of Israeli settlement plans in Sinai and the West Bank.

"On January 6", the statement said, "the Administration sent a strong reply. . . . The reply expressed our concern about new settlement reports, particularly those of the Sinai. The reply was in the form of a personal message from the President."

A similar exchange took place on January 9 and 10, and on January 27 Mr Carter sent a further protest about the settlement at Shiloh.

**Michael Leapman writes from New York:** Mr Dayan held out little hope of an early agreement with the Egyptians when he addressed a meeting of Jewish organizations in New York.

He said the talks with Egypt had turned into a "vicious circle" because President Sadat was not prepared to do a separate deal with Israel, but wanted to involve at least Jordan as well.

**Alan McGregor writes from Geneva:** Mr Begin told a press conference after arriving in Geneva that the supply of offensive weapons to Egypt by the United States "would be a very negative development."

Asked how it came about that Israel and the Soviet Union were backing the same party—Ethiopia—in the Horn of Africa conflict, he said: "It sometimes happens in policies that everybody has got his own reasons".

Mr Begin is in Geneva for two days of talks with European Jewish leaders.

# Presidents uphold Palestinian rights

Continued from page 1

Carter will send recommendations on arms sales to Congress.

A statement issued after Mr Sadat had left repeated the American position on the chief issues involved. It was full of phrases expressing the good relatoions between the two governments

The two Presidents concluded, according to the statement, "that the mutual trust and understanding between them, which were reinforced by these meetings, will be extremely useful in helping to maintain momentum towards their common goal of peace in the Middle East." Mr Carter will "spare no effort in seeking ways to move the peace process forward."

The statement, and Mr Carter's remarks at the farewell ceremony, reaffirmed America's "historic commitments to the security of Israel". The phraseology of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 is repeatedly cited in the document.

"The settlement", it says, must be based on all the principles of Security Council Resolution 242, including withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in 1967, and the right of every state in the area to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries. Resolution 242 is applicable to all fronts of the conflict."

The American statement went on to say that "the President reaffirmed what he said at his meeting with President Sadat in Aswan (on) January 4. There must be a resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects; it must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable the Palestinians to participate in the determination of their own future."

Mr Carter "reaffirmed the longstanding American view that Israeli settlements in occupied territory are contrary to international law and an obstacle to peace, and that further settlement activity would be inconsistent with the effort to reach a peace settlement."



Snowscape: Cars buried in snow give an oddly surrealist look to a normally busy Manhattan street.

# Looters arrested in snowbound New England

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Feb 8

The Federal Government has declared most of snowbound New England a disaster area and Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor of New York, wants the designation extended to his state also. The declaration is a technical device to enable Washington to provide emergency aid.

New England, which had more snow and stronger winds than New York, was the worst hit area of the country. The governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut made it an offence for people to attempt to travel at all except in emergencies. Boston's Logan airport was open today only to aircraft bringing emergency supplies.

Looting occurred in some towns, and 110 looters were arrested in Boston and Providence, Rhode Island. Some of them made the rounds of deserted shops in snowmobiles. Troops of the National Guard called out to help stranded travellers and distressed householders, had also to patrol shopping streets to prevent looting.

The storms caused a further power breakdown in Boston today similar to the one that deprived thousands of households of electricity for most of yesterday.

It was cold, clear and sunny in New York and much of the north-eastern United States.

Airports were beginning to reopen, freeing passengers who had been stranded in packed hotels all across the country. One airline, unable to get rooms for 200 passengers in New York, gave them blankets and bedded them down on Monday and Tuesday nights in a jumbo jet.

New York's three airports were open this afternoon after a 48-hour closing. With the backlog of stranded passengers, it will be a day or so before schedules return to anything approaching normal.

Although the word disaster has been used this week so often as to devalue it, for many the blizzard can aptly be so described. Many deaths have been attributed to it, and Mr Carey said that financial losses in New York state amount to $35m (about £18m).

On the coasts of the north-eastern states, the strong winds and high tides caused serious flooding. On Long Island, east of New York, several dozen holiday homes were swept into the sea, and many ships reported difficulties.

Long Island remains the worst affected part of the New York area. Several thousand cars are still stranded on the Long Island expressway and other roads. Some motorists, encouraged by the bright sunshine, tried to drive today and succeeded only in adding to the number of disabled vehicles.

There has been bad weather on the west coast, too, with floods along the California coast. This storm could travel across the country and cause another blizzard in the east in a few days.

# Fierce battle leaves 30 dead in Beirut

Beirut, Feb 8.—At least 30 people were killed today in fierce Syrian-Lebanese fighting which spread from the outskirts of war-shattered Beirut to the heart of the Christian eastern sector, right-wing sources said tonight. They said that at least 30 others were wounded.

The dead included five Syrian soldiers killed in an attempt to storm the headquarters of the right-wing National Liberal Party in the Christian district of Ashrafiyeh.

The Syrian troops were said to have used machine guns and light automatic weapons.

"They attacked us for three hours", a party spokesman said. "After we agreed on a cease-fire, they withdrew only to attack again".

Automatic fire could be heard over the telephone as the spokesman gave his account of the action. He said that two bullets ploughed into the office of Mr Camille Chamoun, the party chairman, who was Lebanese President during the 1958 civil war which ended with the deployment of United States Marines in Beirut.

"But President Chamoun is unhurt", the spokesman said.

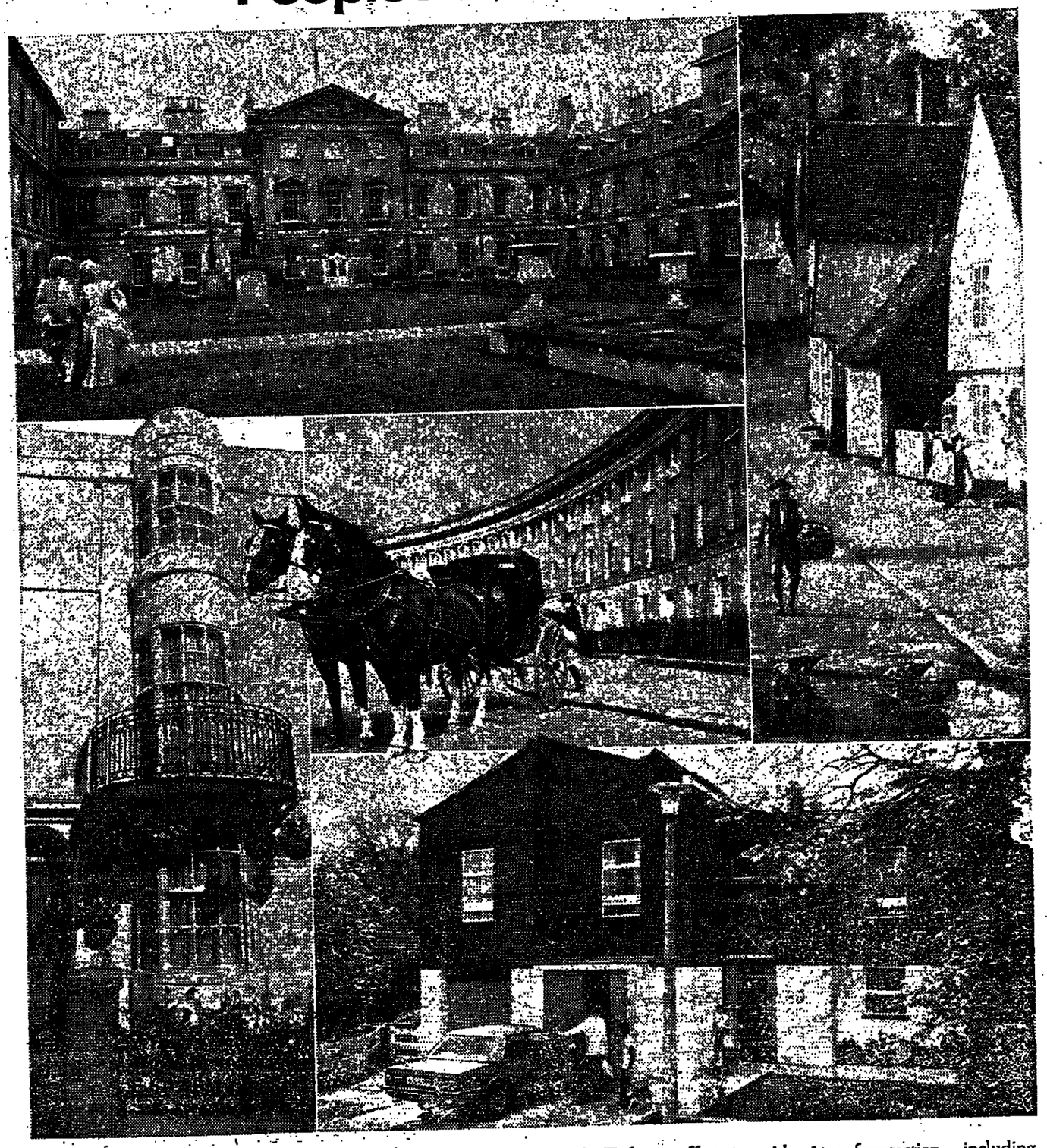
**Damascus:** Syrians went to the polls today in a referendum to decide whether President Assad should have a second seven-year term. By early evening there were indications that the vote would be comfortably in his favour, officials reported.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

# PLO kills Arab 'collaborator'

Beirut, Feb 8.—Palestinian guerrillas claimed responsibility for the killing in Ramallah today of Abdul-nur Janhu, a prominent West Bank Arab businessman, and denounced him as a collaborator with the Israeli authorities.

An official statement issued here by the Palestine Liberation Organization threatened the same fate for any others who "plot against our people".—UPI.


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# Senate vote for nuclear safeguards

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb 8

After weeks of argument by nuclear industry supporters, the Senate has approved by an overwhelming majority new legislation designed to prevent American nuclear exports from being used for military purposes.

The nuclear non-proliferation Bill, which secured the unanimous approval of the House of Representatives last year, will now go to a joint committee of the Senate and the House for final approval. It is then expected to be signed promptly into law by President Carter, who has strongly supported the draft legislation.

The new rules would use a combination of incentives and sanctions to strengthen existing measures to prevent foreign governments or terrorists from diverting peaceful nuclear materials to build weapons.

American supplies of nuclear equipment and fuel would be granted only if importing nations maintained international safeguards against diversion of materials; agreed not to explode a nuclear device with American nuclear materials; maintained adequate security on exports; and sought American approval before reexporting material to another country or reprocessing spent fuel.

# Ethiopian planes 'hit two Somali towns'

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Feb 8

Somalia claimed today that Ethiopian jet aircraft had raided the northern Somali cities of Hargeisa and Berbera. Officials in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, said four aircraft attacked the port of Berbera while two attacked Hargeisa, but they were driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

Soviet MiG21 and American F5 aircraft were involved, the reports said. But there were no details on casualties or damage caused.

President Siad Barre of Somalia returned to Mogadishu only yesterday after spending three days in the northern region where he held discussions with Somali military commanders.

The air attacks were the latest in a series of incursions into Somali territory by Ethiopian aircraft, none of which has been admitted by the Ethiopian authorities.

Heavy fighting is continuing inside Ethiopia where Government forces, which Somalia says are heavily reinforced by Cuban and Soviet personnel, are attacking positions of the western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF).

WSLF officials in Mogadishu said today that two Ethiopian aircraft had been shot down over Jijiga, which was captured by the WSLF last year, while 43 tanks, described as Soviet T55s and T62s had been destroyed in fighting north of Dire Dawa, along the railway line to Djibouti.

The Ethiopian offensive is said to be concentrated in two directions—north from Dire Dawa towards the frontier with Djibouti, and east from Harer towards Jijiga and the Somali frontier.

The WSLF said today that their forces remained under heavy air and ground attack which had forced them to pull back from some positions in the Ahmar mountains, north of Harer. They denied Ethiopian claims that their forces had been routed, but said their forward positions were unable to withstand the assault by missiles, artillery and tanks directed by Cuban and Soviet personnel.

Cuban airborne troops were also involved, the WSLF claimed, and Soviet helicopters had been used for artillery and missile spotting, as well as for transport duties.

President Siad Barre has had discussions in Mogadishu with Brigadier Joseph Garba, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, who heads a mediation mission from the Organization of African Unity.

# Congress call for gun controls

From David Cross
Washington, Feb 8

President Carter is being urged by Congress to take "immediate steps" to curtail the availability of hand guns in the United States as part of an Administration campaign to control crime.

The appeal comes from Mr John Conyers, chairman of the subcommittee on crime of the House of Representatives, on basis of a congressional investigation into the effectiveness of existing gun control legislation. The study concludes that the increase in violent crime in America since the mid-1960s has been matched by a rise in the number of firearms in circulation.

According to the study, there were an estimated 147,500,000 firearms in the United States in 1976, of which about 44,000,000 were hand guns. Polls indicated that 47 per cent of all households owned one or more weapons and of these 49 per cent owned hand guns, 70 per cent rifles, and 66 per cent shot guns.

Until 1965 the number of firearms produced or imported for private sale had remained fairly stable at approximately two million a year. By 1974, however, the number had more than doubled, to 6,900,000. During the same period the firearm murder rate almost doubled, to 9,200. In 1976 the firearm robbery rate was estimated to have more than doubled.

In the South, where 61 per cent of households own guns, the firearm murder and assault rates are much higher than in the East, where only 29 per cent of families own guns.

One of the biggest difficulties in restricting access to arms is the lack of uniformity in state and local laws. Thus in New York and Detroit, where strict registration and licensing provisions are in force, most of the hand guns seized by the police were bought elsewhere.

In Dallas, Atlanta and Los Angeles, where gun control laws are lax, more than 80 per cent of the weapons seized were purchased locally.

# Turks help to draft plan for breaking Cyprus deadlock

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, Feb 8

Two senior Turkish officials arrived in Cyprus from Ankara today to help draft the proposals the Turkish Cypriot side is to submit in preparation for a resumption of the deadlocked intercommunal peace talks.

They are Professor Mumtaz Soysal, a close aide of Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, and representative in Turkey of Amnesty International, and Mr Turgut Tulumen, head of the Greece-Cyprus desk of the Turkish Foreign Ministry.

Mr Ecevit promised Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, last month that the Turkish side would submit concrete proposals on the territorial aspect and new proposals on the constitutional aspect of the problem so that the peace talks could be resumed.

The talks collapsed last April when the Turkish Cypriot side refused to submit any proposals on the territorial aspect after the Greek Cypriot side rejected its proposals on the constitutional aspect.

The Turkish proposals are to be submitted to Dr Waldheim who will then decide, after consultations with the Greek Cypriot side, whether they can form a basis for resuming negotiations.

This procedure was adopted after insistence by the Greek Cypriot side that the mere submission of proposals by the Turkish side would not be enough.

Mr Spyros Kyprianou, the new Cyprus President and Greek Cypriot leader, has emphasized repeatedly in recent statements that his side cannot make further concessions.

# Caribbean plea to Britain over Belize

Bridgetown, Feb 8.—Six Caribbean Commonwealth countries have asked Britain to cooperate fully with Belize in a quick and peaceful settlement in the territorial dispute with Guatemala.

The call came in a joint statement issued simultaneously in the various capitals by the prime ministers of the Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The statement, which has been relayed to the British Government, was released by Mr J. M. G. Adams, the Barbados Prime Minister, at a news conference here yesterday.

He said one of the gravest issues facing the Caribbean was the question of the territorial integrity of Belize and the prime ministers had agreed to let Britain know of their concern.—Reuter.

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OVERSEAS

# h Africa introduces Bill that d permit removal of ss blacks to labour camps

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Dr Mulder: "Eventually no black South Africans."

urban areas can also be classified as "idle"

The penalties for the "idle" include detention in a rehabilitation centre or farm colony "or similar institution established or approved under the Prisons Act."

Mrs Helen Suzman, the opposition MP and veteran campaigner for a better deal for urban blacks, said the Bill would have the effect of making unemployed Africans into statutory criminals. "It makes unemployment a crime at a time when many blacks throughout the country are seeking work."

According to official statistics published last week, 12.4 per cent of the economically active black population are out of work. Unofficial estimates put the unemployed total much higher, and with the economy still in deep recession the figure is likely to go on rising. Mrs Suzman said it was "sheer madness" to introduce such a Bill now.

Dr Mulder, who has the somewhat invidious task of steering through Parliament a Bill which was devised by his *verkrampte* predecessor, Mr M. C. Botha, has declared that a humane approach would be adopted in implementing the Bill. He pointed out that the black homeland leaders had been consulted about the proposed legislation.

Dr Mulder's assurance that the Bill would be humanely applied does not seem to have impressed urban blacks. Mr Albert Mhlungu, chairman of the Soweto Residents' Committee, said the Bill would turn blacks into slaves. The general feeling among blacks was that by pushing ahead with this legislation Dr Mulder had destroyed all the goodwill he had attracted with his speech last week promising to improve conditions in black townships.

The purpose of the Bantu Citizenship Amendment Bill is to tidy up the laws concerning the citizenship of blacks who belong to homelands which become independent.

Under the Government's apartheid blueprint, all blacks are regarded as citizens of the nine tribal homelands and not of "white" South Africa. The eventual aim is that these homelands will all become independent states and the blacks who continue to live and work in South Africa will be citizens of those states and therefore will be treated as foreigners.

Mr Colin Eglin, the Opposition Leader, commented that not since the days of Dr Verwoerd had "this dangerous dream of a South Africa purged of its black citizens been spelled out with such clarity."

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Party achievements at home and constant Western hostility abroad

# How Soviet TV views the state of the world

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Feb 8

A satellite ground transmitter revolves on its axis. "Time—the Information Programme", flashes on the screen. On the dote of nine o'clock the main evening news bulletin of Soviet television begins.

How do Soviet viewers see the world? What is the image presented to them? Monday's half-hour programme was a good example.

It was not a newsy day by Soviet standards. President Brezhnev did not reemerge in public as he did, with great publicity, last week. There were no state visits by fraternal communist parties.

But 17 different subjects were covered with a rough balance between home and foreign news; there was plenty of "actuality" on film and a number of recurrent themes were given considerable play.

"Good evening comrades", say the two newscasters, who alternate their reports in the manner of *News at Ten*. They always begin with domestic news, giving priority to items concerning the Communist Party and its leadership.

The first item was about a letter Mr Brezhnev had sent to Leningrad workers congratulating them on the launching of the icebreaker Siberia. The letter wos dead by the first secretary of the Leningrad regional party, Mr Grigory Romanov.

Significantly Mr Romanov, a man who has had a meteroric rise to power and is now the youngest member of the Politburo, has been given gdeat publicity recently. Some Western observers believe he is a possible successor to Mr Brezhnev.

The second item showed the arrival of Dr Bruno Kresky, the austrian Chancellor, who had come on a wodking visit to Moscow.

Next came a live commentary from Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Romanenko, the Salyut 6 cosmonaut, who is becoming something of a star on the nightly television news.

From Georgia came a report of a competition between state enterprises (for the highest production figures) and there followed a feature on Valentina Pletneva, an energetic weaver who will complete a 13-year weaving quota in only five years. She has just been made a Heroine of Socialist Labour and blushingly described to her intervierer how she did it.

The final domestic item showed the military manoeuvres around the city of Minsk, which are being attended by obse4vers from Britain, the United States and othir Western countries.

The second half of the programme dealt with overseas news. The items were shorter, with heavy editorial comment.

A routine announcement of events at the Geneva disarmament conference was followed by film of a demonstration in Mexico against the neutron bomb. Other items covered the visit of Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to Paris, a demonstration in the West Bank and one in Cyprus against the detention in Israel of a Cypriot journalist.

A senior Tass commentator spoke at length of the "scandal" in London of the Foreign Office department of anti-Soviet propaganda and linked this to a general campaign of anti-Sovietism in the West.

He spoke of reports from Washington of journalists working for the Central Intelligence Agency and hostile comment in the German magazine *Der Spiegel*. All this, he said, was not consistent with the Helsinki declaration.

The news concluded with sports reports and the weather.

To sum up: the domestic news emphasized themes being promoted by the Communist Party—increased efficiency in factories, the development of Siberia, Soviet military strength and the role of the party in education. The foreign news suggested unrelenting hostility of the West to Russia, persecution of "progressive" leaders abroad and a world-wide campaign against the neutron bomb.

# Cambodians 'repel Vietnamese attack'

Bangkok, Feb 8.—Cambodia reported today it had repelled a big Vietnamese attack across its border, and scorned the latest ceasefire call from Hanoi.

According to Cambodia, several hundred Vietnamese troops were killed or wounded and 17 tanks destroyed yesterday in the Mekong Delta. Phnom Penh radio said the Vietnamese troops were supported by MiG fighters and helicopters when they penetrated about two and a half miles along the Bassac river.

The radio, monitored in Bangkok, said the Vietnamese brought about thirty tanks into the battle, one of the biggest so far in the border war, when the Cambodians counter-attacked.

In Bangkok, a Thai military spokesman reported a fresh Cambodian attack on border police in north-east Thailand.—Reuter.

# Dr Kreisky eschews bomb issue in Moscow talks

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, Feb 8

Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, refused to be drawn into supporting the Soviet campaign against the neutron bomb during a three-day working visit to Moscow which ended today.

As one of the Western leaders who recently received a letter from President Brezhnev warning Europe against the deployment of the bomb, Dr Kreisky spent some time on this topic during an unexpected meeting with the Soviet leader.

He told a press conference afterwards that Austria was a small neutral country and believed that this question as well as the strategic arms limitations talks were best left to the two superpowers.

He came here principally to try to reduce the imbalance in Austrian trade with the Soviet Union which developed recently. But he had nothing concrete to report from his talks on this with Mr Kosygin.

# Tass says 'dissident's wife an impostor'

Moscow, Feb 8.—The Soviet press said today that a woman touring America appealing for the releast of "her dearly-loved husband Anatoly Shcharansky" was never married to the imprisoned dissident.

"The curtain goes up on another anti-Soviet show in which the lead part is played by an Israeli citizen who calls herself Avital Shcharanskaya. Within hours, reports on this outstanding event will fill the air and the papers.

"Thus Madame Shcharanskaya is joined on stage... now by the wife of the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, now by someone from the anti-Soviet emigre riff-raff, now by the notorious demagogue Senator Moynihan, and now by White House officials," Tass said.

"Hardly a day passes without her shedding crocodile tears fro the rostrum at some American organization or society. She briskly rattles off the well-rehearsed phrases about civil rights violations in the Soviet Union.

"Facts show that no such person as Avital Shcharanskaya has ever existed. This is a name assumed by a certain Natalia Schtiglitz. She left the Soviet Union fod Israel on July 5, 1973. It is notable that duding the period when the Shcharansky faaily was allegedly broken up, Anatoly lived in Moscow with Lidia Voronina and had nothing to do with Natalia Schtiglitz.

The Soviet news agency added that Anatoly Shcharansky had urgently tried to conclude a religious marriage with Miss Schtiglitz before her departure from Russia to obtain ann exit visa for himself, but the maddiage failed to materialise because "for some reason, Anatoly Shcharansky refused to wed Schtiglitz in a synagogue".—UPI.

# lo-US plan's big for Lord Carver

Feb 8.—Britain dent commissioner would still retain powers in the period to majority the Anglo-Ameri- plan, despite the a governing coun- ed at the recent

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The document said the governing council would be empowered to forward draft legislation to the resident commissioner which would become law, providing he agreed.

Below the governing council, the commissioner would establish committees charged with responsibilities in specfic fields, such as health, education, development and racial discrimination.

The commissioner would appoint an electoral commission under an independent, qualified chairman to delimit parliamentary constituencies ad supervise registration of voters.

The commissioner will be charged with 11 important functions, the document said:

Establishment and functions of the governing council.
Creation of a peaceful atmosphere for political activity.
Maintenance of law and order.
Creation of the "Zimbabwe National Army".
Removal of racial discrimination.
Ending of the state of emergency and early release of those detained without trial.
Removal of provisions in existing legislation "which are unacceptable in a free and democratic country".
Abolition of the death penalty, except for murder and other capital crimes existing before illegal independence.
Measures to promote economic and social justice.
Development of an impartial and non-racial public service.
Development of a free and impartial public broadcasting system.—Reuter.

# mpts to end deadlock alisbury talks fail

, Feb 8.—The four at the Rhodesia in- lement talks failed -hour meeting today tht deadlock over iamentary represen- r black rule.

negotiating round, ference sources said rucial, was fixed for

rces described 'the s as disappointing, hat Bishop Abel s United African Council remained at the other three ons.

Also taking part in the conference are Mr Ian Smith's Government and two other black parties, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole's African National Council (Sithole) and Chief Chirau's Zimbabwe United Peoples' Organization.

Our Foreign Staff writes: The United Kingdom leadership of the Zimbabwe African National Council (Zanu) announced its resignation in London yesterday and said that it had severed relations with Mr Sithole in protest at his part in the internal settlement talks with Mr Smith.

# in police eld suicide

Own Correspondent
urg, Feb 8

n inquest magistrate ound that Mr Bayem- a political detainee l in a police cell, had suicide and that no blame for or contri- is death.

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# Kenya stops flow of goods by rail to Uganda

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Feb 8

A delegation of six Kenyan ministers, led by Dr Munyua Waiyaki, the Foreign Minister, flew to Uganda today for talks with President Amin's ministers

Before leaving, Dr Waiyaki said they would discuss matters ranging from the death or disappearance of Kenyans in Uganda to payment for transit and other facilities provided for landlocked Uganda by Kenya.

It was disclosed here today that Kenya Railways had halted the movement of goods trains ton and from Uganda, because Uganda has failed, despite many requests, to pay debts totalling about £500,000.

Uganda is understood to be seriously concerned by the interruption of rail facilities for its exports and imports.


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# Minister considering how to have debate on Windscale report

House of Commons

The fullest information must be made available to the public before the Government took new steps in the development of nuclear energy, *Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State* for the Environment, said when answering questions on the report of the Windscale inquiry. He added that he was studying the report which he had received on January 26 and the way of handling it.

**Mr Frank Hooley** (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—*This will be a classic* document in the ongoing controversy about nuclear power. Will he undertake to publish it in full and also consider the possibility of publishing a popular digest of it for those who cannot afford the full document?

Will he assure the House that it will be able to debate the report before he comes to any firm conclusion about its findings

**Mr Shore**—Of course it is normal to publish reports. I will give some thought to the publication of a popular version. I am aware that MPs on both sides would much like to hold a debate before a decision is taken. There are difficulties but *I am considering them carefully.*

**Mr Peter Emery** (Honiton, C)—While there is obviously much concern, there has been a large amount of ill-informed and inaccurate information which has been used by certain pressure groups in a most emotive manner to detract from and even perhaps undermine the ability of the Windscale reprocessing scheme to obtain approval. It could bring a major economic benefit to the country.

Will he therefore underline that what he is interested in is factual information, not the emotive information? Will he come to his decision as quickly as possible because it does have economic aspects which are of great importance?

**Mr Shore**—I have no doubt that among the vast amount of material which was received and considered by the Parker inquiry some was ill informed.

But I think the great mass of it was serious information by people who are turning their minds to this major matter of public interest.

*I take his point that a decision is* needed without undue delay and it was precisely that promise which I gave to the House more than a year ago when I set the inquiry up. I shall do my best.

**Mr Richard Crawshaw** (Liverpool, Toxteth, Lab)—People like myself who feel that the way ahead is in progress in the atomic sphere also appreciate that there is genuine concern among many on this issue.

His cause, for those who wish to go ahead in this, is not helped by those who say that such a disaster would never happen. It is much better that the public should know the consequences of the worst sort of disaster which could happen in this field. If they realize the limitations of such a disaster, their minds would be made up more easily to go ahead.

**Mr Shore**—I am certain it is right in this country that the fullest information should be made available to the public before we move along or take new steps in the development of nuclear energy. It was one of the main reasons in my mind when I established the Parker committee that it would open up the subject in a way it had not been opened up before.

**Mr Michael Heseltine**, chief Opposition spokesman on environment (Henley, C)—We realize the traditional difficulty in which he finds himself because of the statutory inhibitions which would affect him if he were to be seen to be taking into consideration factors that were not put before the inquiry.

But in practice the decision which flows from the inquiry has to be a political decision. The minister will be able to discuss this *with the advantages of departmen*tal briefings which will not all be based upon evidence submitted to the inquiry. There will be factors taken into consideration on a wider scale.

Once he accepts this it is difficult to argue that this House has no right to express its views in advance of the decision.

It will be one of the most significant decisions of this sort this country has had to take.

**Mr Shore**—I have to take account not just of precedent but of the Act itself and the statutory requirements that have been laid under it. I agree there is much merit and benefit to be obtained if *we can associate this House with* the discussion of this issue. I am studying both the report and the way of handling it.

# Financial help to areas that suffered damage in floods and gales

Financial assistance is to be given to authorities whose areas suffered substantial damage in the floods and gales of November 1977 and January 1978, Mr. Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced during question time.

In order to ensure (he said) that local ratepayers do not have to carry an excessive burden, a local authority that has incurred as a direct result of these floods and gales net additional expenditure that is in excess of its product of a 1p rate, will receive by way of special financial assistance 75 per cent of that excess.

Details of the application of this formula will be given to local authorities who will, of course, have to submit claims for consideration to my department.

A supplementary estimate will be presented to Parliament for approval at the earliest opportunity.

**Mr Michael Brotherton** (Louth, C)—That reply will give considerable pleasure particularly in places such as Cleethorpes which has suffered twice from floods in the space of two years. Should there be further flooding at high tides will similar help be made available?

**Mr Shore** (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—The formula will of course stand. I thought it right to make it plain in order to remove any uncertainty there might have been in the minds of local authorities who have been unhappily affected by recent floods.

**Mr David Crouch** (Canterbury, C)—*I thank the minister on behalf* of my constituents in Whitstable and Herne Bay. From calculations sent to his department the damage suffered by the local authority and private individuals in those two towns has been somewhat in excess of £1m.

**Mr Roger Moate** (Faversham, C)—I thank the Secretary of State for the help given. It is unsatisfactory that it has taken nearly one month to establish what assistance could be given to local authorities.

Could he look again at Section 138? Because of this delay local authorities have given help in different ways to applicants who have suffered because they have no knowledge of what resources were going to be made available.

Will he look at some way of giving clear guidelines so that when future disasters occur local authorities know exactly what they can and should do immediately after the disaster has occurred?

**Mr Shore**—It is precisely to give the local authorities that extra guideline in terms of the resource contribution that the Government would make that I have made this statement.

Beyond that I do not think there are any great problems we cannot solve with the local authorities in the ordinary course of discussion.

**Mr Clement Freud** (Isle of Ely, L)—The damage compensation in Wisbech is in the neighbourhood of £3m: 25 per cent of this would put some 6p in the rate. This is a considerable blow to the ratepayers who are already suffering an 11p increase over last year.

**Mr Shore**—I understand his concern particularly as Wisbech was one of the worst affected areas. I *ask him not to jump to conclusions* on the quick arithmetic of my statement. He will find it far more helpful to his area than his initial reaction suggests.

**Mr Michael Alison**, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Barkston Ash, C)—The announcement will be generally welcomed. It is the poorer authorities *which have a low product of a* penny rate and consequently the 25 per cent margin of grant they themselves have to raise will be an excessive burden to them.

**Mr Shore**—It is related to the resources of the particular area. I do not think any requirement beyond perhaps 2 per cent on the average rate bill will accrue to people in the local authorities concerned. The Government will be able to help with tthe rest.

# Pressure from both sides for wider franchise in European elections

The Opposition moved an amendment to enfranchise British nationals and their wives or husbands living and working in the European Community when the committee stage of the European Assembly Elections Bill was resumed for the second allotted day under the guillotine.

**Mr Douglas Hurd**, for the Opposition (Mid-Oxon, C) moved the amendment to give the vote to those entitled to vote in a parliamentary election in a parliamentary constituency but who, on voting day, were not so entitled, being resident in one of the other member states.

He said they were dealing with a group of British people who were *the spearhead or part of the spear*head of Britain's effort in Europe. On their efforts, in part, depended Britain's chances of making a success of the partnership in Europe to which Britain belonged.

Their lives and prospects were probably affected more deeply than most by the decisions which the Community could take and which the European Parliament, when directly elected, would influence more strongly than it did now.

These people (he said) feel strongly that they should not be excluded from this franchise.

Not all residents in the Community were excluded. Those serving in BAOR and Government servants in embassies and the British Council were enfranchised under long-standing arrangements sanctioned by the Commons.

It was not clear, in natural justice, why they should be accorded a right denied to people in private firms or international organizations instead of British Government organizations.

**Mr Colin Phipps** (Dudley, West, Lab) said he supported the amendment but was disappointed that it had been drawn so tightly that it excluded people who after a lifetime's work in the United Kingdom decided they would prefer to spend their retirement elsewhere. They should be fully justified in doing so and should not be robbed of the franchise.

If decisions taken by the EEC were taken on behalf of all citizens of the EEC it was reasonable and legitimate that all citizens of the EEC, no matter where they lived within it, should have the right to the franchise to determine those *matters which would directly* affect them. There was a wider principle at stake here which he would wish to see applied not merely to EEC elections but to United Kingdom internal elections as well.

**Mr Enoch Powell** (South Down, UU) said he opposed the amendment. The question was whether they were to attempt to introduce, however partially, the principle of extra-territorial voting.

Westminster had seen fit to set the mark of a separate form of election on Northern Ireland from that which applied in elections to Westminster. It was entirely wrong not to apply to the whole of the United Kingdom the principle of direct elections. They were certainly not prepared to consent to the alteration of these rules.

**Mr Michael Stewart** (Hammersmith, Fulham, Lab) said anyone who was both a British subject and resident in the United Kingdom was entitled to vote for the Parliament of the United Kingdom. *Equally anyone who was a citizen* or subject of a Community state and resided in the Community should be entitled to vote for the European Assembly.

**Mr Roderick MacFarquhar** (Belper, Lab) said there were strong grounds for agreeing to the amendment. They were faced with Europe-wide elections almost certain to be held on the same day. It seemed only right and proper that all people resident within the Community on that day or two days should have the vote. There was no reason why they should not take a major step forward in widening the franchise.

**Mr Robert Adley** (Christchurch and Lymington, C) said through postal votes they had looked after Service voters, people who were sick, and those temporarily absent. There was nothing in the amendment which was unfair or contrary to natural justice.

**Mr John Roper** (Farnworth, Lab) said he was sympathetic towards the principle of the amendment but was concerned that as drafted it was open to abuse.

**Mr Hugh Dykes** (Harrow, East, C) said the Government should study the system adopted by Spain in its general election, the first held in that country for 40 years. This might prove to be a model for the future.

**Mr Roger Moate** (Faversham, C) said the House would be ill-advised to accept the amendment.

He suspected one of the reasons these people had taken care to ensure they did not have rights of residence in Britain was to ensure they were entitled to enjoy the much lower rates of taxation in Europe.

MPs were *familiar with the cry*: "No taxation without representation". He wondered whether in this instance they could reverse this and say: "No representation with taxation".

**Mr Nicholas Budgen** (Wolverhampton, South-West, C) said the vote was accorded to those who showed that their primary loyalty was to the British nation-state. They demonstrated adherence to that principle by showing that they had British nationality and British residence.

He was driven to vote against the amendment because of the compelling argument that it was clearly an important step along the road towards a federal Europe. He wanted to see the electorate for the European MPs voting for people whose primary duty was to uphold the interests of the British nation-state.

**Mr Brynmor John**, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab) said that what he had heard convinced him not only that this was an important amendment because it involved an important extension of the franchise but that essentially it could not be hermetically confined to these elections without at least having some potential repercussions on the internal franchise.

The Government would like a Speaker's conference. This was a *matter it was vital to discuss* by some such mechanism if they were to proceed to an extention in a constitutional manner of this type.

It was not possible to lump all those who lived abroad into one category and say they were the vanguard of Britain abroad.

There was a distinct category of people who chose to work and live abroad, conscious of the effect it would have on their civic rights and obligations. It was right to deal with them as well as those forced abroad by their job.

The intent to return to Britain was an important factor. People would often say they intended to return to the Highlands of Scotland, or the Islands, for instance. But it was such an indefinite concept that it would produce problems of verification.

The electoral registration officer might, if the amendment were passed, be put into an invidious position. He would not have the ability physically to check in the same way as he normally would.

*There would not be the same* guarantee of the validity of the overseas application. He would be involved in making a judgment on the validity of the official who had attested the application.

**Mr Hurd** said the argument about a Speaker's conference was absurd coming from a minister whose department had proposed a much wider revolution in the nation's affairs in the form of the regional list without any mention of a conference. A serious grievance needed to be redressed.

The amendment was rejected by 160 votes to 149—Government majority, 11.

# Bill sought on council mortgage rates

When the Government had received the reactions of local authority associations and others to Green Paper proposals they would be in a better position to judge what form, if any, legislation should take, **Mr Reginald Freeson**, Minister for Housing and Construction, told **Mr Anthony Newton** (Braintree, C), who asked when the Secretary of State for the Environment expected to introduce legislation on local authority mortgage interest rates.

**Mr Freeson** (Brent, East, Lab) stated—We must first consider the local authority responses to Green Paper proposals for legislation to enable them to charge the BSA recommended mortgage rate by use of the rate fund.

**Mr Newton**—The Green Paper contained a definite commitment to legislate on this subject which was much welcomed by those of us whose councils are at present forced to charge substantially more than the building society rate.

Why did he not take the opportunity of yesterday's Bill to do this and will he put it right in committee?

**Mr Freeson**—There are a whole host of proposals on policy changes in the Green Paper on the housing policy review some of which would require legislation and others not. It would be possible theoretically to jump ahead and load all of them into a Bill concerned with one or two particular issues.

At the present stage we are in consultation with local authority associations and others on the proposals. When we have received their responses we will be in a better position to judge what form, if any, legislation should take.

**Mr Roderick MacFarquhar** (Belper, Lab)—The people who are *suffering are those paying* mortgages far higher than the going market rate. Could he undertake to take action as soon as possible?

**Mr Freeson**—I understand the problem only too well. I cannot take action without legislation. That is why we made the proposals we did in the Green Paper on which we are seeking responses.

We are not getting responses that are universally in agreement with the proposals; I would not expect that. We have to await and evaluate them and then we will come forward with proposals.

# State boards asked to check on unused land

It was not easy to ensure that *unused land was put to good use.* **Mr Peter Shore**, Secretary of State for the Environment, said after indicating that he had recently asked main nationalized industries and statutory undertakers to makee a preliminary survey of their vacant and under-used sites in inner city areas.

**Mr Shore** (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) had said—No reliable estimates of the total acreage of derelict land have been made since the 1974 survey of derelict and despoiled land which put the total for England at 106,000 acres. This survey did not provide figures broken down by ownership; neither did it cover land classified as unused, a category for which there is no commonly agreed definition.

The figure for the Property Services Agency is 580 acres. Many local authorities have their own figures though these are often compiled according to different definitions and cannot simply be added together.

*My aim is to concentrate* efforts to secure early development of unused land in those areas where the problem is most serious, particularly the inner city areas.

I have recently written to the main nationalized industries and statutory undertakers concerned, asking them to make a preliminary survey of their vacant and underused sites in the inner city areas.

Proposals for dealing with the problem will be an important part of the programmes currently being drawn up by the partnership committees.

**Mr Anthony Durant** (Reading, North, C)—Those are appalling figures and illustrate the urgent *need for pressure on the chairmen* of the nationalized industries to dispose of this land, particularly in the inner city areas where it must be made available if we are to tackle the problems there. Will we consider having a local Domesday Book in which land owned by local government and the nationalized industries can at least be on display and so people could find out who owned it?

**Mr Shore**—I can see the attractions of an up-to-date land register. But the most important thing we have to do is not so much to identify land, which is generally known to local authorities, but to take steps to see it is put to good use. That is not easy.

**Mr Nicholas Winterton** (Macclesfield, C)—Eighty per cent of urban land requirements could be met from derelict land within those urban areas. He should treat more seriously and with deeper dedication the moves he has started to get derelict land in inner cities developed as soon as possible.

**Mr Shore**—My request to all chairmen of nationalized industries indicates that I believe they can make an important contribution. A good deal of unused or derelict land is owned by local authorities and public corporation in the inner city areas. But we would be foolish not to understand how these accumulations came about.

Much local authority land previously held tenement buildings and slums which have been pulled down.

Later, he told **Mr Timothy Sainsbury** (Hove, C) that he would consider support for a second land use survey.

**Mr Arthur Blenkinsop** (South Shields, Lab)—A lot of the land is held at unrealistic book values. Will he write down some of these values to realistic figures?

**Mr Shore**—That is an important point. But when local authorities dispose of land they are required in law only to do so for the best price that can reasonably be obtained. If that is lower than what they paid for it they are free to accept that price.

**Mr Thomas Litterick** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—He should try to bring pressure on private owners of derelict sites with which my constituency is defaced.

**Mr Shore**—There is also privately owned land not being properly used and which is derelict. So local authorities drawing up what I hope will be much more effective strategies for land use and development should consider all land, regardless *of ownership.*

**Mr Hugh Rossi**, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Haringey, Hornsey, C) later said—Many nationalized industries say they will not dispose of their excess land because of the incidence of the development land tax on them. Until that problem is solved, his survey will produce little effective and useful results.

**Mr Reginald Freeson**, Minister for Housing and Construction—We must wait to see on that. I accept this point has been put by some of the nationalized industries, British Rail for example. There is a certain amount of probing going into this aspect. It is not proving a disincentive.

There may be ways around the kind of problems which are being put forward by British Rail in this respect.

# Housing resources being rejected

**Mr Reginald Freeson**, Minister for Housing and Construction, expressed concern that the resources the Government were making available were being rejected by a growing number of authorities. This was causing great disturbance in the housing programmes.

He informed **Mr Frank Allaun** (Salford, East, Lab) that at present about 200,000 public sector homes were under construction in Great Britain which should lead to 150,000 completions in 1978.

*Completions for following years* would depend on the balance of investment between building, buying, conversion and rehabilitation; home loans and improvement within the overall housing programmes.

**Mr Allaun**—Will the minister tell the Cabinet that far more of the budget in North Sea oil potentialities should go on housing than is at present planned?

The recent public expenditure survey shows that in the past two years £536m a year has been cut from public housebuilding, improvement, acquisition and land purchase. In the next four years only a half of that is to be restored. It is not good enough.

**Mr Freeson** (Brent, East, Lab)—Although there have been cuts in either planned or prospective public expenditure in recent times the biggest single drop we have experienced this year and years to come arises from the drop in investment as a result of interest charges.

What we have to do is to ensure that the resources we make available to public sector authorities is taken up. My great concern is that it is not being taken up, however much I may wish in the future to see an increase in that expenditure.

**Mr Dennis Skinner** (Bolsover, Lab) said that Mr Michael Heseltine, chief spokesman for the *Opposition, at the recent Tory* local government conference told local authorities to do nothing, not to build, not to spend.

**Mr Freeson**—I am concerned about that as well. I wish to see as much attention paid in future to maintaining and improving existing stock; this adds to the stock as a whole.

My concern is that the available resources we are already making available are being rejected by a growing number of authorities and this is causing great disturbance in our housing programmes.

In reply to a further question, he said: In cooperation with the local authority associations there has been a special study which has produced a report on the management of housebuilding programmes. I expect some good results to come from that.

# Bill to change overseas aid rejected

**Mr Victor Goodhew** (St Albans, C) was refused leave by 219 votes to 141—majority against, 78—to bring in a Bill to revise the arrangements for the granting of aid to overseas countries.

He said he was attempting a minor and limited change which would be acceptable to most people in the country.

His aim was that where this country was giving aid to any country overseas and that country nationalized a British company or expropriated assets of a British company or British subject, and refused to pay compensation, it should be made mandatory for the Government to reduce the aid paid to that country by the amount of the compensation unpaid.

**Miss Joan Lestor** (Eton and Slough, Lab), opposing the Bill, said Conservative MPs had never liked the fact that the Government had given aid to Mozambique. They were seeking backdoor methods to prevent it taking place.

The question of aid to anywhere in the world should be on the basis that it would enhance the standard of living of the people in that country and make a long-term contribution to its wellbeing.

The question of attitude of the government in that country and the election of that government was a matter for that country except if it indulged in the denial of human rights to the people in *that country, which would question* the use to which the aid was being put.

## Blasphemy law

**Mr Bryan Davies** (Enfield North, Lab) asked the Home Secretary to review the offence of blasphemy.

**Mr Merlyn Rees**, in a written reply, said—The Law Commission is about to engage on a review of offences against religion and public worship and it will be open to it to make recommendations.

## Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 9.30: Inner Urban Areas Bill, second reading. Motion on Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale of Veterinary Drugs) Order.

House of Lords

Today at 3: Education (Northern Ireland) Bill, report stage. Debates on helicopter industry and on option mortgage scheme.

# Sound start claimed for land scheme

In the first two years of its operation in England the Community Land Act showed a net loss to the taxpayers of nearly £20m, **Mr Michael Latham** (Melton, C) said in exchanges in which he had asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to introduce legislation to repeal the Community Land Act, 1975.

**Mr Guy Barnett**, Under Secretary (Greenwich, Lab), on that point, said—Far from repealing this valuable measure, we intend to develop the land scheme on the basis of the sound start it has already made. (Conservative laughter.)

**Mr Latham**—The first two years of the Act in England have shown a net loss to the taxpayers of just *under £20m.*

**Mr Barnett**—I cannot confirm a figure of that kind.

If he thinks the scheme has failed, it seems odd that over 200 local authorities, at least half Conservative-controlled, have asked for loan sanction under the scheme.

# Establishing extent of drug misuse

**Mr Ian Stewart** (Hitchin, C) asked the Home Secretary what steps were being taken to establish the number of non-registered narcotic addicts.

**Dr Shirley Summerskill**, Under Secretary, in a written reply, said—There is no system of registration of addicts in the United Kingdom. There is, however, an obligation imposed on every doctor by the Misuse of Drugs (Notification of and Supply to Addicts) Regulations, 1973, to notify, to the Chief Medical Officer at the Home Office, details of persons whom he considers, or has reasonable grounds to suspect, to be addicted to narcotic drugs.

The official statistics of addicts are derived from these notifications. Reminders of this obligation will shortly be sent to all doctors.

A few health authorities are also being invited by the Department of Health and Social Security to test the recommendations of a working party on the problems of acquiring information about the extent and nature of drug misuse in an area.

# Information on breaches of guidelines

**Mr Kenneth Warren** (Hastings, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer from what sources he obtained information about firms *against which the Government took* discretionary action to preclude them from tendering for Government contracts and the form of notification given to these firms of their exclusion.

**Mr Joel Barnett**, Chief Secretary, Treasury, in a written reply, said—Information may reach the Government from a wide variety of sources including informal contacts with negotiators, published information or queries raised by MPs or members of the public.

Once the Government have decided that the procedures for discretionary action should be set in motion, a letter is sent to the firm concerned informing them.

**Mr Barnett**, in a further reply, said—Discretionary action has been taken against 23 firms who have negotiated settlements outside the guidelines for this round. Discretionary action has not yet ceased against any of these firms.

## Housing advisory unit

**Mr Reginald Freeson**, Minister for Housing and Construction, in a written reply, announced the appointment of Mr William Woof, at present director of housing at Gateshead, as director of the Housing Services Advisory Unit. Two further advisers would be appointed in the next few months, when the unit would become fully operational, he said.

The unit is intended to foster good professional practice in all branches of housing services; to advise the department on the practical effects of present housing policies, and to help in the formulation of new ones. I hope it will stimulate a free exchange of ideas and information throughout the management field.

## HP limit raised

**Mr John Fraser**, Minister of State, Prices and Consumer Protection, said in a written reply that he had today laid before Parliament a draft Order in Council to raise the limit in the hire purchase Acts from £2,000 to £5,000. If approved by each House of Parliament, the Order would come into operation on June 1, 1978.

The Order would apply only to Great Britain, but the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland would make a similar Order.

# Making best use of N Sea oil revenues

House of Lords

**Lord Selsdon**, calling attention to the opportunities available to *rebuild the economy* from the development of North Sea oil and gas, said he feared Government policies towards it more than he feared the technological and other difficulties related to such development.

Had its development been under a single government, of whichever party, it would never have been financed to the extent that it had.

This year the Government were expected to take about 40 per cent of the revenue rising to 80 per cent in 1980. That would be a rise in Government revenue from the North Sea from £600m to £7,200m.

But that £2,200m was not new money because much of the resources of the North Sea had already been consumed and spent. **Lord Shepherd** (Lab) said that while North Sea oil and gas provided certain opportunities they would not rectify or change the decline of the last 50 or 100 years. They gave the country an opportunity, but Government, industry, trade unions, and the people had to make a fundamental change not only in structures but in attitudes.

There had been a change in attitude, and 1976 was a landmark. As a consequence of inflation there had been the possible collapse of the economy. The British people had recognized the dangers, and he hoped the Government would maintain their stand in the fight *against inflation. Unless they did* there was little or no hope for the country.

**Viscount Simon** (L) said that the country would spend in obtaining oil far more than the resources she used to spend in investment and exporting only to buy oil from outside at pre-1973 prices. In other words, the country would not get oil any cheaper from the North Sea in real terms.

The first claim on the revenue should be the encouragement of modernization and expansion of industry. Fiscal measures made possible by the oil revenues would help.

**Lord Boyd-Carpenter** (C) said Britain was facing financial recovery but was blinded to the reality of static industry which lacked investment and adequate rates of productivity. The bounty of providence of the North Sea's resources was almost certainly the last chance to get things right.

**Lord Balogh** (Lab) said that the country must use whatever it derived from North Sea oil purposefully and discreetly lest she let slip from her feeble grasp the last possibility for industrial revival, and the only lasting guarantee she had for the survival of a gentle and compassionate society.

Profits and the tax-take were vital for the capacity to fulfil the general aims. Ninety per cent of any increase in costs was borne by the Exchequer. Monitoring of costs, and prices was needed, and close and expert monitoring was not possible without being actually in the business.

The Inland Revenue was not in the oil business. That was why every country except America had created a state oil corporation, and America was seriously considering the problem.

**Lord Gregson** said by the time the oil was in full flow and without taking *into account* the present unacceptable level of unemployment, another 2,500,000 jobs would have to be found. That did not take into account the necessity to replace many existing jobs which would by then be obsolete. It was imperative that an extra injection of effort was made in British *manufacturing industry.*

The Earl of Gowrie, for the Opposition, said the difficulties of the economy remained. It was incredible and disgraceful that Mr Roy Hattersley appeared to think that the occasion of inflation dipping below 10 per cent would be the occasion for a sort of parliamentary knees-up.

*The figure that counted* was the figure that compared with Britain's industrial competitors and Britain's rate of inflation was still considerably ahead of those.

If we add to that imbalance the troubles of British Leyland and the farce of Swan Hunter (he said), we really are still in a poor state.

**Lady Birk**, Under Secretary for the Environment, said that Britain could be expected to be a net importer of oil in the 1990s. Oil prices would become higher and oil supplies scarce. The world would be a cruel place if Britain were not to use the North Sea oil for years to become industrially competitive.

To do that would mean sustained investment in industry. If Britain frittered away North Sea oil resources on a consumption boom she would suddenly find the oil had gone and there was nothing to show for it. The experience of North Sea gas was a classic cautionary tale.

Tax rates were too high at all levels of income, and should be reduced. The Chancellor of the Exchequer hoped to reduce the burden of income tax in the coming Budget. What was wanted was sustained growth in investment and not a short-lived consumer spree. North Sea oil offered the possibility of sustained growth and a more stable economic environment. Stability would help to give industry confidence to invest more freely than in recent years. The Government would continue to give industry all the encouragement they sensibly could. The Government's aim was to mobilize all the country's resources across the mixed economy.

The debate was concluded.

# All-party talks on expenses wanted

**Mr Douglas Jay** (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) moved an amendment which, he said, proposed that the same control and *the same limitation on candidates'* electoral expenses should apply in the elections for the EEC Assembly as applied in elections in the United Kingdom for the present Parliament.

Some clear and well-understood restriction was greatly needed because of the peculiar arrangements he understood would apply to the elections. EEC funds were to be made available to the parties which were conducting the elections and would be allocated in some way to organizations supporting some parties' candidates in the United Kingdom. He did not know the details but public funds were to be used to finance candidates and for the first time funds from overseas were to be used to influence United Kingdom elections.

That is the main reason (he said) why some control is necessary. It would be most undesirable if there were any suggestion that these elections were going to be conducted in an atmosphere of extravagance or even anything that could be called corruption.

One read reports that salaries were proposed of £25,000 a year for members of the European Assembly. It was an extraordinary situation, which some members of the public would think not altogether desirable, that there should be MPs doing two jobs and earning about £30,000 a year plus allowances.

**Mr Hugh Dykes** (Harrow, East, C) said that no specific proposal had been made, or was about to be made, in any official way about salaries in the European Parliament.

**Mr John Mendelson** (Penistone, Lab), intervening, said that members of the West German Bundestag were determined that the salary should be higher, or as high as theirs, which would mean very high figures.

**Mr Dykes** said that if a series of informal non-definitive discussions in one of the European Parliament committees dome German politicians had said the salary ought to be at least as high as, or higher than, the German level, which would mean about £25,000, including expenses.

That was an idea emanating from one source and was in no way conclusive.

Any money that emanated from Europe must be visible, monitored, *and tightly controlled.*

**Mr Neil Marten** (Banbury, C) said the extravagance of the Community office in London was enormous and he had read somewhere that the press were getting into a sort of Euro-boredom through the sheer volume of paper pouring out from that office. In an election it would become a cascade.

**Mr Nigel Spearing** (Newham, South, Lab) said the referendum on the EEC provided an example of public money being spent having been obtained from the United Kingdom Exchequer. Then, anything concerned with what was called Europe but which actually meant only the EEC, was all right.

The information fund of the EEC was always there and it would be intensified in the run up to elections. It would be public money and that would be the trouble.

Almost everything (he said) will be oriented towards the EEC whether or not we like it. Those of us who have particular views about the Community will be at a disadvantage because most propaganda will carry the opposite message.

*Sir Anthony Meyer* (West Flint, C) said it was desirable to impose, and publicly to impose, limitations on the amount of money which a candidate might spend.

**Mr John Roper** (Farnworth, Lab) said it was essential to control overspending by candidates, but there seemed to be some practical reasons why the amendment was defective and he would have difficulty in voting for it as it stood.

These elections would be of great importance. It would be important that candidates had sufficient without having lavish resources, to involve and inform their electorates.

**Mr David Howell**, for the Opposition (Guildford, C), said election expenses were at the heart of politics and a serious and sensible approach had been taken to the matter.

The free postage available to candidates in EEC elections could be worth a minimum of £30,000. They should not disguise that substantial benefits would be available in terms of free publicity to candidates.

In a constituency of 500,000 voters the expenses could be between £12,000 and £14,000 by 1974 standards. By the time of elections in 1979 inflation could have meant a 100 per cent increase in costs, and £20,000 to £25,000 would be appropriate.

They should not freeze the figure to 1974 levels as the amendment proposed. Expenses should be restrained and there should be a formula related to the number of electors. They would like to hear more about the source of the money, from the EEC or British taxpayer.

**Dr Shirley Summerskill**, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab), said it was important that no candidate or party should secure an unfair advantage over another *by virtue of the money that they* could spend. There should be no suspicion of any unfairness in the control over expenditure by candidates.

The limits on parliamentary election expenses were set out in the Representation of the People Act, 1949. Inflation had reduced the real value of the present allowances and the Government would need to consider introducing legislation at the appropriate time for the general election.

It was their intention to base the limits of candidates' expenses, which would be set out in the regulations they would draw up, on the limits for parliamentary candidates. If the elections were held soon after the parliamentary general election they could be based on the limits laid down for the general election.

The Government intended that there should be consultations with the political parties in advance from now on until the regulations came before the House so they could arrive at an appropriate formula.

They would have consultations to see what was the best way the expenses limits could be set out in the regulations which would be brought before the House.

The limits that would be proposed would be the maximum that individual candidates might spend or that might be spent on individual candidates.

The rules and regulations would be similar to the existing ones under the parliamentary elections.

Fears had been expressed about the expenditure of money from outside sources. Nobody could incur expenditure on behalf of the individual candidate in his name except the agent and the regulations would be very similar to, or the same as, the ones in the general election.

The principle behind the amendment was acceptable but its wording was slightly unclear and did not state on what basis the calculation of the maximum was made.

The amendment was withdrawn.

# Reassuring that firemen's return to work has gone so well—Minister

The Government would have to work overtime to restore the upgrade which had been so damaged by the firemen's strike, **Lord Clifford of Chudleigh** said when opening a debate on the lessons learnt from the strike.

He said that they all owed much to the fire officers who did not strike, and the Government should make that clear to the country and the individuals concerned. There should be no action against those who had carried on working.

An important lesson from the strike had been the growing public awareness of fire dangers; the Government should not now let people return to a laissez faire sort of attitude.

In future arrangements should be made for a ballot before a strike took place. The main lesson from a national point of view was that the Civil Defence organization should never have been abolished.

**Viscount Long** (C), for the Opposition, said the firemen had gone through a traumatic experience during the strike.

We should all (he said), recognizing the firemen's job, hope and pray that the wounds and scars created by this strike will heal quickly so that man working with man in the fire service can be a friend again otherwise he becomes a danger to all in the service.

A lesson from the strike was the value of professionals, of a regular fire brigade, from a firefighting and rescue point of view. They could not do without the regular services but they must be paid properly.

**Lord Houghton of Sowerby** (Lab) said the main lesson to be learnt from the firemen's strike was that if Government intervention in the complex policy of pay and employment was prolonged the political and economic consequences might become serious. The present pay policy was costing the country enormous amounts in economic lethargy and a dispirited workforce.

He hoped that the Government would have the courage and wisdom to try to reassess pay and the general economic strategy. Had they got into a rut of conventional belief that pay must be held down as a vital factor in the battle against inflation, and so vital that all the consequences of repression had to be faced rather than they should allow greater flexibility?

**Lord Harris of Greenwich**, Minister of State, Home Office, said he did not think there was any alternative to the policy the Government were pursuing on pay. Undoubtedly there were risks involved. But there was overwhelming public support for the posture of the Government.

The principal concern of the Home Secretary, the firemen, and *the fire authorities in the after*math of the dispute had been to get the fire service back to normal working. During the strike some bitter things were said and done. Against that background it was reassuring that the return to work had gone as well as it had. There had been a number of local difficulties but in general these were being resolved.

During the nine weeks of the dispute 40,500 fires were reported which gave rise to 203 fatalities and 850 non-fatal casualties. From the analysis they had made for previous years the number of fires, fatalities, and non-fatalities during the strike was about the same as might have been expected had the strike not taken place.

The British Insurance Association published monthly estimates *of losses. These showed that the* estimated cost of fire damage in Britain in November was £42,170,000 and in December £33,800,000. This compared with a monthly average for the whole year of £18,500,000 and for 1976 of £19,300,000. The increases were impossible to quantify accurately.

It was necessary to exercise caution in attempting to make comparisons between what happened before and during the strikes in terms of the number of personnel and equipment used. It had to be remembered that the majority of regular fire officers were available to direct and assist Servicemen during the strike.

In those parts of the country in which fire cover was provided by part-time firemen some 70 per cent of those part-time firemen *continued to provide cover* without any assistance from the Armed Services.

What the fire service most needed was a period of stability during which fire authorities and members of their brigades could work together to restore the damage that had undoubtedly been done by the strike and to build a better service for the future.

House adjourned 8.21 pm.

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**Richard Holmes**

AMONT: Maldoror and Poems, with introductions by Paul enguin, 95p); Maldoror, trans- Alexis Lykiard (Allison & .95 and £1.95); Poésies and Miscellanea, by Isidore also known as Lautréamont, d translated by Alexis Lykiard. text (Allison & Busby, £4.95

Comte de Lautréamont died a hotel bedroom at No 7 Fau- martre during the winter of Siege of Paris, "*sans autres ents*". He had published ar his se one canto of his prose *Les Chants de Maldoror*, a times translated into French as Dawn-Sickness" (*mal d'aurore*) self had then attacked them in series of parodied epigrams, ) as "purulent insomnias and nightmares". He was not well

ration later, when Rémy de exhumed the *Poésies* and e Cantos of *Maldoror* were the Surrealists (currently resi- e Hayward Gallery) went wild ("a total revelation", etc— eton), and even Gide confided to his Journal, "makes me ashamed of my own work, and disgusted with everything that's only the result of culture" (1905). Since then he has become a major part of the French "alternative" tradition, *les maudits*, gathering imprimata from Cocteau, Artaud, Henry Miller, Albert Camus, and attracting the heavy brigade of modern structural and linguistic critics as an early example of "counter-fiction" and "the limits of literature" (Philippe Sollers, 1967). Surprisingly, these three translations (though the second was originally issued in 1970) are the first serious attempt to present Lautréamont in English.

It is a strange task. To begin with, it appears that the poor Comte's real name was Isidore Ducasse and he was only 24 when he died. He was born in Montevideo (*l'autre mont?*), his mother seems to have committed suicide, and his father sent him grudging remittances to Paris until the Prussians stopped the post. Three lonely sea crossings between South America and France (at 13 and 21) were probably formative, certainly on his imagery, but pitifully little is known of his personal life. Last October there was great excitement when an ardent researcher found the first photograph of him: a pleasant, dark eyed young man with short black curly hair and a neat bow tie. Only, the print is bad: just possibly he has a deformed lip (in Canto I, Maldoror mutilates his mouth with a penknife, to see if he can make himself laugh—"j'ai voulu rire comme les autres"; he does not succeed).

Then, taken at face value, *Maldoror* is certainly a nightmare creation. His world is largely, or minutely, inhabited by the less appealing animals, a real bedtime bestiary: sharks, lice, crabs, leeches, octupi, toads, wolves, vampires, tarantulas, and so on: "the beetle, lovely as the tremor of the hands in alcoholism" (Lykiard); "Lovely as the alcoholic's trembling hand" (Knight). It is also a world constantly washed by viscous fluids, sea foam, blood, bile, brine, urine, semen, saliva, and—ah!—tears: "sheathe your tears in their scabbard" (Lykiard); "put your tears back in their scabbard" (Knight). There is no consistent narrative, but our hero, Maldoror, in first or third person and in various disguises (eagle, octopus, rotting statue, horseman in black cloak) embarks on a series of adventures which include lice cultivation, raping and degutting a little girl, interviewing the Creator, hobnobbing with gravediggers, *détournement des mineurs*, and in perhaps his most renowned exploit mating with a maternal-minded shark in the gory aftermath of a shipwreck: "I was facing my first love!" (Lykiard—omitted in Knight: was he using an unrevised text?).

Then again, the trick may be not to read *Maldoror* at its face value. The text, we are told, is thoroughly, even completely "literary". It is packed with parodies, plagiarism and word play; it is a constant perversion—re-vamping is perhaps nearer—of its sources: Byron, Poe, Monk Lewis, de Sade, Musset, Maturin (the shipwreck comes from dear old *Melmoth the Wanderer*), Baudelaire, Dante, and even we learn large chunks of Dr Chenu's "Encyclopaedia of Natural History". In fact one of its most striking qualities (as opposed, say, to Baudelaire's prose "Spleen de Paris") is its adolescent impenetrability to outside experience, to the seething life of pre-Commune Paris. It is constructed out of a barricade, or a bed bolster, of text books. As Gaston Bachelard (1939) said kindly: "It is a drama born in an Upper-Fifth classroom, *une classe de Rhétorique*." Moreover its real delight, its real *détournement*, is that of language.

How do our translators cope with all this? Paul Knight (Penguin Classic) is manful, smoothly syntactical, and moves with quiet confidence over the "poisoned swamps". His edition includes both *Maldoror* and *Poésies*, and a sober introduction: "Lautréamont's ironic sensitivity to the problem of being a writer of fiction is perhaps the essential distinguishing feature". . . . It is, in its jet cover, altogether reassuring. But sometimes it is impossible to believe a word of it.

Alexis Lykiard, on the other hand, plunges right in. Using short paragraphing, heavy meaningful punctuation, often clumsy but always effective literalisms, he sacrifices everything to Lautréamont's shocks and horrors, the weird imagery and the lethal puns and *double entendres*. His translation is passionate, involved, and bristling. He convinces.

Two brief, violent, examples will have to serve. When Maldoror jumps on the girl to rape her: "Nu comme une pierre, il s'est *jeté* sur le corps de la jeune fille." Knight renders mildly: "Stark naked, he flung himself upon the girl." But the thrown stone, the surreal transformation, is lost. Lykiard renders: "Naked as a stone, he flung himself upon the young girl's body." Obediently Maldoror becomes a vicious pebble. A hundred pages away, Maldoror croons to his only love, the sea. "Vieil océan . . . tu es un immense bleu appliqué sur le corps de la terre." Knight renders innocently: "Old ocean . . . you are an immense blueness on the body of the earth." But Lykiard, familiar with the slang of the Maison Dieu, snarls instead: "Old ocean . . . you are an immense blue bruise slapped on the body of the earth." Maldoror successfully makes the earth cringe.

Moreover, Lykiard is not only better with text, but with context. He annotates heavily, often caustically; he sketches the critical battles round Lautréamont's reputation; he gives thorough booklists; and in the *Poésies* he also provides Ducasse's few known letters, and quotes extensively and with glee from the untrustworthy reminiscences of unlikely friends: "He wrote only at night, seated at his piano. He used to declaim, would coin phrases hammering out his tirades with the chords." His two books are committed not just to translating—carrying over — the writing, but the whole phenomenon.

And yet, and yet. I have to admit that to my mind, in English, the poor Comte remains obstinately poor Ducasse: clever, but—puerile. In English he seems so close to strip cartoon, grand guignol, Hammer films, the Rocky Horror Show. There is something in the language which won't rise above the physical nastiness. To use a Ducasse pun, Lautréamont simply won't wash. And yet, perversely, in French, he *does* seem to work: there is a kind of mad grandeur, a linguistic thrill, the Comte lives. The cruelty, the pornography, the childish Malodours seem to evaporate into some more abstract revolt. It may only be the difference between a native language, and a learned one; but it may not. It doesn't seem to be a matter of translation. The only real *equivalent* to *Maldoror* in English, a work no easier to place or judge, is perhaps Ted Hughes' *Crow: From the Life and Songs of the Crow* (1970). Maldoror and Crow would recognize each other; they would cackle at the back of the class.

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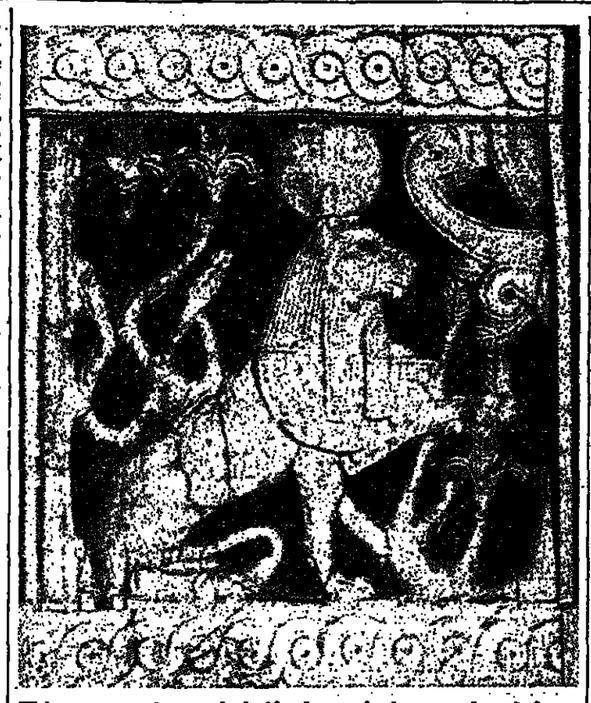
In addition to his other business, the hero is an epileptic, which may explain but does not really excuse such odd digressions as a flashback to the American Civil War. The writing is luxuriant, inventive, undisciplined, manic, sometimes pretentious, and would have been improved by a cynical, middle-aged sub-editor. What are we to make of phrases like "an abstract of humour from above as impenuous necessities were snared by thematic joking"?

The adolescence of the hero of *Blind Date* is even wilder. It starts with incest and rape in the Soviet Union, and leads to midde age as an emigré and permanent adolescent in the United States. The plot is episodic, hopping from farcical set pieces like a convention of midgets to the appalling like reenactment of the Charles Manson massacre and transsexual surgery. Such almost real people as Cecil Beaton and Jacques Monod make flickering guest appearances. The hero is appropriately called Levanter. He is a trickster, to whom there is more than meets the eye, even his own eye. Is chance, with whom we all have our blind dates, a benefactor or the ultimate terrorist? Fortunately, in real life few of us have adolescences as eventful or as permanent as Levanter's.

The 19-year-old first person narrator of *Ladybird in a Loony Bin* suffers from his different growing pains and identity crisis. He is an Ulster Protestant on the dole, adrift in Bayswater and feeling sorry for himself, with some reason. He has trouble with sex, the neighbours, persecution mania, his sanity, the law, and life generally. Luckily he has a nutty sense of humour, and a wry way with words. This clever little novel has sharp and original views about everything from the horrors of London pubs to the minor nastinesses of the body. It shows compassion for the shipwrecked sailors of life adrift in search of an island. We are all shipwrecked to some degree, but the stormiest years are often adolescence.

All four books this week, with their very different virtues, are interesting and persuasive advertisements for the calmer waters of middle age.

**Philip Howard**



This open-work panel, half of a pair is reproduced from Sir Max Mallowan's *The Nimrud Ivories* (British Museum Publications, £5 and £3), one of a quarter of titles in the museum's new publishing venture, Colonnade. Whereas the museum has up to now concentrated on publishing the academic works of the staff, Colonnade is a commercial venture whose success will subsidise the museum's other titles. Among the first titles are a monograph of John Sell Cotman (£6.95 and £3.95), a revised version of Sir George Hill's *Medals of the Renaissance* by Graham Pollard (£25) and *The Architectural Medal: England in the Nineteenth Century* by Jeremy Taylor (£18.50).

# Heart of darkness

Black Fire!
Accounts of the Guerrilla War in Rhodesia.
By Michael Raeburn.
(Julian Friedman, £6.95 and £2.95).

The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the colour line, said the great black American scholar and writer, W. E. B. DuBois in 1903. No one paid much attention to these words then; and only those who *must*, pay very much attention to these words now.

The Rhodesian problem, which is not new, is only now beginning to paralyse the attention of the West. This is not, alas, due to black suffering in the region, it is not even because of black rage: Rhodesia paralyses the attention of the West because of white fear. Disturbing sporadic reports have filtered through for years, but until recently nothing seemed really menaced; that is, nothing *white* seemed menaced. Now, time has blown a whistle, and time is running out.

This book is by a young, white Rhodesian; a native of the region; African, therefore by birth. And there are now people—black, as they are discovering—who are forced to take on their own shoulders the burden of the present, in order to usher in the future. These people are not always very clear-headed, either. They are moving in the dark, desperately improvizing, in the shadow of death. But they have walked into the shadow deliberately. They are not deluded.

They know very well that they will probably never live to see whatever lives their children will have. But they refuse to accept for their children the humiliation which has been their daily bread.

Michael Raeburn's book consists of dramatic accounts from Rhodesia of the personal experiences of people we hear so much about today: the *terrorist*, the *guerrilla*. Mountains of pious prose are produced every day concerning these dreadful creatures. The father of my country, God bless him, a certain Mr George Washington, was not very highly-regarded in England, and the rabble he led, at that hour, would have received a unanimously unfavourable press. The French revolution terrified everyone in Europe, and was, then, considered to be the end of the civilized world. The Russian revolution—whatever one may think of it as a revolution—had (and has) the same effect, and so does the Chinese revolution, and the barely contained discontent in Latin America. But, however difficult this recognition may be, it is important to recognize that these tremendous human upheavals are produced by human need.

Now it is revolution in Africa—somnolent, black Africa, Europe's lucrative playground for generations. But Africa was not, is not, only that. It was the pagan key to the joy white men forbade themselves. It was the heart of darkness. It was everything white men were not. And, in that sense, it contained some profound and mystic hope, now being smashed.

Violence is not new to Africa: Africans have been violent with each other for generations. Every colonizing power in Europe has used violence without the remotest scruple. What is new is the violence of the attack on the white man's self-esteem, the white self-image. White people appear to believe that they are the authors, and custodians, of civilization, and that they are to be revered, and above all loved, for having played so noble and indispensable a role. White people have played a great role, certainly, in human affairs, but so has everybody else: and I should imagine that the white delusion has something to do with the brief and blatant passage of their power, and with their somewhat utilitarian concept of religion.

Leaving, however, such heresies, aside, I think you may see how a people deprived of a heritage drive themselves furiously into the present, in order to redeem their past: they do not simply lie down and die.

You will say that I am speaking of the New Jerusalem, and I am; it comes in fire and blood and anguish. That is true; and who will live to see it? Someone will. We are, in any case, beginning to live through the beginning of the end of the nightmare of colour and, if this is freedom for the black man, it will bring to the white man a joy and a freedom he does not, now, dare imagine.

**James Baldwin**

## Science fiction

Gateway
By Frederick Pohl
(Gollancz, £3.95)

Those who consider that the only direction for science fiction to go is up and into outer space should be made aware that the best SF has always been concerned with human relationships as much as hardware; the space between people. Only in recent years, though, has it explored our sexuality and it is this that is one of the most fascinating aspects of the new novel by the great Frederick Pohl. The device for such investigation is that of a series of psycho-analytical sessions being held for the manic-depressive Broadhead by his robot psychiatrist (a delightfully credible creation). Gradually mental layers are peeled away as the story emerges of Broadhead's translation from the slime-food mines to a vast spaceport, left behind by the alien Heechee race. The rocket-ships there have been willy-nilly programmed to go the humans know not where. But a crew can return with a fortune—or dead.

Broadhead travels with his beloved Klara and other friends; he returns alone and rich. What the deeply-moving conclusion is I will not spoil by revelation. For, despite some odd organization of the narrative, Mr Pohl can take us convincingly over the edge of the way things might be into an understanding of what we already are. Heechee becomes He-She. As one character says: "There used to be a jokey-kind of book they sold at the fairs when I was a kid. It was called *Everything We Know About The Heechee*. It had a hundred and twenty-eight pages, and they were all blank." Thus the complexity of our own male-female natures; Mr Pohl looks beyond that blankness and achieves a kind of wisdom.

Alien Embassy by Ian Watson (Gollancz, £4.20). Sexuality as a means of universe-crossing in psychic fashion is one of the myriad ideas which Mr Watson displays with his usual prodigality. He is also—with this story of the African girl, Lila, one of those chosen for flight—foreseeing a future full of alarm, while sneaking in a few blows at those gurus who opt for navel-scrutinizing Eastern cultures; such people are all too easily conned. More accessible for new readers than some of his work, it hums with notions as a hive of bees.

Night of Delusions, by Keith Laumer (Dobson, £3.95). Good old reliable Keith Laumer here breaks, for him, new ground and tills it with a success not hitherto expected. Marlowe-esque Florin is hired as a bodyguard for a famed Senator and has to experience hallucinations which make him and us ponder the nature of reality. Excitingly-paced, the hard-boiled narrative cannot disguise its essential depth of thought; most satisfying.

The Star Beast, by Robert A. Heinlein (New English Library, £4.95). Lummox, a house-sized beast from the future, is the pet of the Stuart family but his quirky nature makes him tilt inter-stellar relations in an entirely different way. One of Mr Heinlein's more engagingly folksy tales.

Mister Justice, by Doris Piserchia (Dobson, £3.95). A time-vaulting superman who photographs misdeeds and, thereafter, exacts his own vengeance, has to be pursued by a freak-genius so that society can pretend that it is still in control, the blindfold still in place. A strip-cartoon theme raised to mesmeric power. Once in the maze here constructed you never quite know how you are going to get out, but such is the strength of the writing that you keep on trying; you end up feeling wilted, but exhilarated.

**Tom Hutchinson**

# Backward look

The Cloud of Danger
Some Current Problems of American Foreign Policy
By George F. Kennan
(Hutchinson, £5.95)

It is seldom that so ambitious a book, an analysis of today's international situation, is attempted by so eminent a figure, Professor George Kennan, United States ambassador in Moscow during Stalin's last year and the holder of numerous academic honours. His views, we can be sure, are widely shared in American university and official circles. The British, believing generally in their own close and special links with the United States, will be anxious to know his conclusions.

The initial shock is a selfish one. Professor Kennan has given this country only one and a half pages of his study. He believes that we are "almost prostrate", reduced to "extreme helplessness." He cannot see how we will cope with our own over-population. He has not given up hope. Our latent vital forces and our "genes" may succeed in dragging us back from the brink and America must help. But he finds our decline the most puzzling and disturbing aspect of modern Europe.

He is puzzled, too, by Western Europe as a whole, by our obsession with the Soviet Union. He goes so far as to say that "in this respect we have to treat our European friends as a species of psychiatric patient with hallucinations". Europe seems to believe that she is in imminent danger of attack by the Soviet Union and that without America's support this attack will be irresistible.

But we are mistaken. Clearly we will not be persuaded out of our delusions. So it is America's duty to humour us, not to reduce her military presence, at least not for the moment, because this would only add to our paranoia. He offers us the following remarkable reassurance.

*The belief that stronger powers dominate weaker ones and dictate to them simply by the possession of superior military force, or by demands placed under threat of the use of such force, has extremely slender support in historical experience.*

The idea that America has degraded herself by trying to buy political influence, defence facilities and friendship all over the world is the book's main theme. He rejects any commitment to the support of democracy which he doubts is "the natural state of most of mankind". Most peoples, he believes, prefer economic security to democratic institutions on the western model. He sees no correlation between the two. The United States should therefore abolish almost all its overseas commitments and bases.

After the Karamanlis government's "sympathetic tolerance if not its inspiration" of anti-American demonstrations, the United States should encourage Greece and Turkey to withdraw from Nato. It should give up the Panama Canal, the bases in the Philippines and review its relations with Iran. After all, the massive Iranian forces must gravely alarm the Soviet Union. The United States should cease to be an active factor in South America and should end the treaty with Taiwan, which would them doubtless obtain "semi-autonomous status" by agreement with China, in return for abandoning its claim to the mainland.

If Professor Kennan is to be believed, American foreign policy since the war has failed. Her European friends are in disarray, while in the Third World she is a figure of abuse, except among a handful of leaders who court her for money. And meanwhile at home, food is running out, energy must be begged from the Arabs and two million Americans pursue their personal stake in high defence spending. Great cities are "disintegrating" with crime, inflation, unemployment, corruption and pornography.

It is tempting to answer Professor Kennan with the same amateur psychology that he applies to us Europeans, to ask what could have brought him to such a flawed collection of defeatist generalisations. Is he embittered by the backward turn of détente with the Soviet Union—a policy on which he staked his expert reputation? Have the recent Soviet advances in Africa induced an inferiority complex, or Watergate a guilt complex? A book of 234 pages might be enough to answer these few questions, but it has not given Professor Kennan room to write more than a superficial summary of the state of the world.

**Nicholas Bethell**

**Reviews next week include Michael Ratcliffe on Cecil Parrott's life of Jaroslav Hasek; Humphry Berkeley on *The Slump* by John Stevenson and Chris Cook; A. M. Rendel on Peter Townsend's autobiography; Robert Nye on the current crop of little magazines.**

## k guide

Flow of Battle, by ell (Hamish Hamil- The author was a of Field Artillery and 1918, and he all-too-familiar pic- th, deprivation and is unusually sensi- , in his presenta- the relationships mbers of his unit. e little quirks of ndliness and petti- und in quiet urban manifested in the cannon's mouth. The poet's eye is in evidence. A description of a family of frogs reacting to shellfire sticks in the mind. And in this book, as distinct from the mass of reminiscences of the earlier trench warfare, we find the horses too, sharing all the sufferings of their riders with the special dignity of their kind, but without the compensating factor of nominal free-will.

*In dreary doubtful waiting hours,*
*Before the brazen frenzy starts,*
*The horses show him nobler powers—*
*O patient eyes, courageous hearts!*

Mr Campell has happily lived to see his book published. His family must be very proud of him.


**Samuel Brittan**

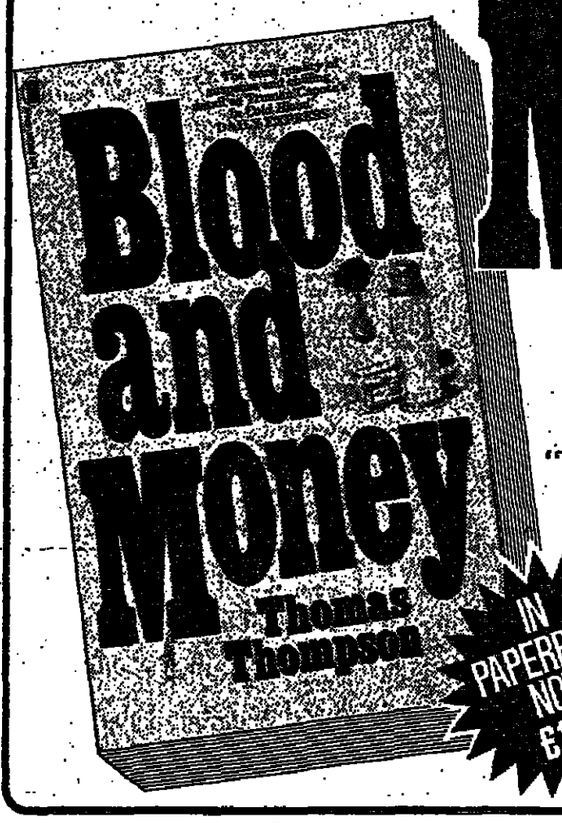
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SPORT

Football

# Forest open Wembley gates wide

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Leeds 1 Nottingham Forest 3

Nottingham Forest will be hard put to lose their first chance of reaching Wembley this season. Their place in the League Cup final was all but confirmed at Elland Road last night when in the first leg of the semi-final round they gave Leeds United not the slightest opportunity to get in their way, and they can hardly fail to add to their score at the City Ground next Wednesday.

This supposedly weakened Forest team, deprived of Shilton, Needham and Gemmill, all Cup tied, lacked for nothing in spirit and simplicity of movement. Their football flowed without a suggestion of uncertainty in areas where they may have been vulnerable. McGovern and Burns forged the centre back combination with O'Hare ahead of them in a deep midfield position. Not that Forest were often in deep trouble.

They accommodated an early, promising period of steady building movements by Leeds before feeling ready to push forwards in strength. Once they had begun there was no stopping them. Currie had suggested that he could take a hold in midfield, but that was not to be and though Graham probably missed the clearest opening of the night for Leeds in the first 15 minutes, the rest of the half became an almost permanent attack on their goal.

With a marked bias towards the left side, Forest seemed to be offered room without challenge and they exploited it splendidly. Anderson, sometimes overlapping along the right, was also able to break into the Leeds penalty area almost at will. In fact, it was Anderson who first penetrated the Leeds defence to full effect when, after 19 minutes, he ran the ball at them while they stood bewildered like rabbits in the open field. O'Neill further confused them by lifting the ball over their heads across the penalty area and a slight defensive deflection left Withe close to goal and he scored comfortably enough.

Leeds badly needed to make their reply without delay but Forest offered not the remotest possibility. Three minutes after the first goal they took their second. It was a master stroke both in timing and construction; a move as characteristic of their style as one much later when Eddie Gray broke away in his own half, hesitated for an instant and suddenly saw eight Forest players had caught up with him. Again, for their second goal, they gained ground with Barrett's cutting long pass giving Woodcock time to aim his centre before Leeds had properly covered the goalmouth. As the ball swung over Withe at first seemed to have taken off too soon but stretched and headed down and in. The straightforward pattern of the move was breathtaking.

Briefly Leeds made efforts to control the extraordinary energy with which Forest attacked them. They recovered a goal but it was no more significant than a nominal revival in the early stages of the second half. Hhe Gray brothers provided it when Frank's long pass was collected on the right of goal and turned into a fine shot inside the far post by Eddie.

The loss of Lorimer, with a leg strain after half an hour, was no excuse for Leeds who, as the game progressed, became increasingly vulnerable to Forest's ability to outnumber them. So when they collapsed completely after 75 minutes one could have no hesitation in submitting that in all respects this was one of the most comprehensive victories in Forest's splendid season.

Robertson and Bowyer instigated another move of classic directness yet it was finished with two subtle touches by Withe and O'Hare. As the attack reached the penalty area O'Hare had his way blocked and touched the ball to one side for Withe, who immediately moved it back again and this time O'Hare was well placed to shoot the third goal. Forest deserved no less.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Harvey: P. Reaney, F. Gray, P. Lorimer (sub C. Harris), K. Parkinson, P. Madeley, T. Cherry, R. Henkin, T. Currie, E. Gray, A. Graham.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: C. Woods: V. Anderson, C. Barrett, J. McGovern, K. Burns, J. O'Hare, M. O'Neill, I. Bowyer, P. Withe, A. Woodcock, J. Robertson.

Referee: C. White (Harrow).



Over the top: Eddie Gray of Leeds, is off target with his header

# A drab game becomes one for the book

By a Special Correspondent

Manchester Utd 1 Bristol City 1

Bristol City, for whom first division survival is always of paramount importance, deservedly took a point away from Old Trafford last night. It was a shoddy performance by the home side, epitomised in the closing minutes by Jordan's nasty foul on Sweeney. By then, City were down to 10 men, Ritchie having gone off injured. The departure of Buchan in the first half had more influence on the game, though, for the United defence was rickety without him. The referee, too, had a strange evening, cautioning seven players to add levity to a drab game.

There was a subdued air around the ground as the supporters came to terms with the fact that they are out of the FA Cup and, indeed, two other competitions. For a club accustomed to being at the hub of affairs, it is galling to be on the fringe, and there is an uneasy feeling that a promising team is being reconstructed before it is necessary.

Whatever the cause, the match was fitful, with neither side looking particularly like making use of the chances created, especially in the first half. Roche tipped over a shot from Ritchie before United scored from a penalty on the half-hour. Merrick leant on Jordan as they challenged for Hill's centre and City were upset by the decision. Ritchie was cautioned before Hill's kick went in off a post and Shaw's back—something of a United speciality these days, as the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper could testify.

Cormack, still chuntering, was also cautioned, as were Sweeney for dissent, and Collier for a heavy foul on Pearson a few minutes later. Hunter did more than anybody to settle his team and City equalized just before half-time. Royle had a shot blocked from Ritchie's centre, but Cormack, whose appearance was not communicated to the crowd, slipped the ball in off a defender.

City created good chances after this. Roche made fine saves from Cormack and Whitehead, although he knew little about a savage free kick from Mann which bounced off his chest. United, meanwhile, were a team of shreds and patches, their verve and enthusiastic running of last season gone. They must change their style to accommodate Jordan, and this may well take some time. Near the end there were moments of hectic United pressure, and the tally of cautions was completed by the entries of Mann, Jordan and Shaw. Of the seven, only Collier had his name taken for a foul.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P. Roche: J. Nicholl, A. Albiston, S. McIlroy, S. Houston, M. Buchan (sub, J. Greenhoff), S. Coppell, J. Jordan, S. Pearson, L. Macari, G. Hill.

BRISTOL CITY: J. Shaw: G. Sweeney, G. Merrick, G. Gow, G. Collier (sub, T. Tainton), N. Hunter, J. Mann, T. Ritchie, J. Royle, P. Cormack, C. Whitehead.

Referee: C. N. Seel.

Cricket

# Bare patches may help Miller to gain place

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Wellington, Feb 8

Three weeks after playing against Pakistan, on what resembled a strip of bare linoleum, England meet New Zealand at the Basin Reserve here on Friday, in the first of three Test matches, in very different conditions. Even so, the pitch, as green as a carpet at one end, does have just enough bare patches at the other to have clinched the selection of Miller in the England side, which is not to be announced until tomorrow.

In place of Cope and Gatting, who played in Karachi, are likely to be Botham and Old, two bowlers who use the seam. Hendrick who bowled only 43 first class overs in Pakistan, is another now in contention, the last bowling place resting between him and Lever. The eleven in batting order will probably be: Boycott, Rose, Miller, Randall, Roope, Botham, Taylor, Old, Edmonds, Hendrick (or Lever) and Willis.

While in Australia I seem to have missed the best innings played by an Englishman on the tour, namely Botham's 126 not out against Canterbury at Christchurch. That it should have come from a young man of 22, who likes to give the ball a good, healthy wallop, is most encouraging. Gatting, another of the young ones, is out of favour for having just got out to two wild shots. In his case, as in Botham's, the talent is there, waiting to be matched with discretion.

Even without Glenn Turner, who is in England making the most of his benefit year, New Zealand have a useful side. It will not be at all an easy series for England to win, against an attack, based like their own, on medium pace, and an experienced batting side. Wright (Derbyshire), Parker (Worcestershire), and Howarth (Surrey) have played a lot of county cricket, and Congdon and Burgess can claim 12 Test hundreds between them.

England last played in Wellington in 1962-63, when Colin Cowdrey scored the only English hundred ever made here. Although the capital city, it gets only an occasional Test match because of the reputation of the pitch, which, though it can be good, is often not. They must have had one of the better ones when Australia played here in 1974, but not when India were bowled out for 220 and 81 by the two Hadlees, Dayle and Richard, two years ago.

For Australia it was the brothers Chappell who set up the records, both of them scoring two separate hundreds in the match. Greg's aggregate on that occasion of 380 (247 not out and 133) is a Test record; the makers of the eleven triple hundreds in Test matches, mostly batted only once in the matches in which they got them.

The ground, primitive by Test standards but nonetheless charming, owes its name to its setting. It was created out of an anchorage that was filled in during Wellington's last big earthquake. From the side of the city where the party is staying one emerges from a long tunnel to see it set in a hollow beneath. The weather yesterday and today has been perfect with not a cloud in the sky. Players with hardly a suntan when they left Pakistan are now deep brown or flaming red. They have been enjoying their time in New Zealand, though a visit here is no longer a matter of rattling up large scores and rolling over the opposition.

For England this could well be an awkward series. Leg before decisions are notoriously hard to come by in New Zealand and with the ball moving about off the seam there are not likely to be many easy runs. In his second venture as England's captain, Boycott may need to get the best out of his side if they are to win. He has been working them hard in practice and the tied match at New Plymouth has brought public interest nicely to the boil.

# Kent to offer terms to four Packer players

Kent are to offer terms to their four Kerry Packer men for next season, but warned them yesterday that they intend giving their young players every opportunity. The committee have delayed an announcement on the captaincy. Last year's captain was Asif Iqbal a Packer player who led them to joint first place in the championship.

A statement from the club said "The committee of the Kent County Cricket Club, after considering all the possible effect upon the club of taking alternative action, have decided that, in the light of the High Court judgment declaring the banning from county cricket of the players contracted to Kerry Packer to be unlawful to offer terms for the 1978 season to Asif, Knott, Underwood and Woolmer.

"On the evidence of many letters received from members and other supporters of Kent cricket on this controversial issue the committee realise that their decision will meet with far from universal approval.

"The committee wish therefore to assure all concerned that, with 12 capped players possibly available and several others of the highest potential on the staff, the will pursue a selection policy which aims to give their young players the fairest possible chance of development in the interests both of Kent and of English cricket."

The position as far as Kent's three England men are concerned could be complicated by the new form of contract at present being drawn up by a TCCB sub-committee. This will seek to give the England selectors an option on their players throughout the winter months. But Knott, Woolmer and Underwood are committed to Mr Packer and will be unavailable for next winter tour of Australia by the England team.

Arnold Long, a former Surrey wicketkeeper, is to be the new Sussex captain for next season to succeed Tony Greig. Peter Graves will continue as vice-captain. The Sussex committee made these appointments and Stanley Allen the secretary, said yesterday that they had been unanimous. Long who is 37, joined Sussex from Surrey in 1976.

He made his first appearance for Surrey in 1960, received his county cap in 1962 and was appointed vice-captain in 197[illegible]. While playing for Surrey against Sussex in 1964 at Hove he set up a world record by dismissing seven batsmen in an innings and 11 in the match, all caught.

Long, who works during the winter as an insurance broker at Banstead, said: "I am delighted to accept the committee's invitation, but of course, rather sad at the circumstances which brought the appointment about. When I moved to Sussex it never occurred to me that I could possibly end up as captain. There are quite a few problems to sort out before the new season starts and I shall have an early meeting with the coach, Tony Buss and the committee. We have the nucleus of a good side and must be very hopeful."

Sussex do not yet know if Greig is returning to complete his contract as an ordinary county professional, or whether John Snow intends to continue with them. Javed Miandad is likely to be touring with Pakistan for the first half of the summer and it is not yet known whether Pakistan will include Imran Khan, one of Sussex's Packer players.

The registration sub-committee of the TCCB have still to decide whether to allow Sussex and Surrey to "swap" Roger Knight for Surrey's former England fast bowler, Geoffrey Arnold.

# Australians have batting worries in last match

Melbourne, Feb 8.—The injury-hit Australians face an uphill battle against a powerful World XI in the sixth and final World Series Cricket international match starting here tomorrow. The Australian selectors today drafted their wicketkeeper Richie Robinson into the party of 12 to strengthen their batting which has been weakened by the absence of Ian Chappell and Bruce Laird who have broken fingers.

Greg Chappell, leading the team in his brother's absence, said he felt batting held the key to his side's chances. "We have bowled well enough and fielded well enough in the last couple of weeks to restrict opposing sides to low scores, he said. "But we've got to get a lot more runs ourselves."

Despite the World team's recent impressive performances, their captain, Tony Greig, said he would not take anything for granted. "I have come to respect the Australians as cricketers over the years", he said. "They have been known to come from behind and win matches. They did it against the West Indies earlier this season."

Greig said there was plenty at stake in the five-day match for his already successful team. "There is the prize money of 33,000 dollars and there is the personal pride and prestige of going out there and winning." Australia's injury problems were highlighted by urgent calls from World Series officials late today to get Langer, who returned on Sunday to his teaching job in Perth, back to Melbourne. Australia had only 22 fit players and a second Australian team had to be chosen to play a non-competitive match against a World XI in Devonport, Tasmania, this weekend.

With Laird already ruled out by a broken hand and Gilmour facing a fitness test tomorrow morning, Ian Chappell made a vain attempt to earn his place in the side.

Chappell removed the plaster from the hand he injured in Perth almost two weeks ago at a practice. "I didn't last too long," he said. "Just a few catches and a couple of hits were enough to know it was a waste of time going any further."

AUSTRALIAN XII: G. Chappell (captain), I. Davis, R. McCosker, R. Edwards, D. Hookes, R. Robinson, R. Marsh, G. Gilmour, R. Bright, D. Lillee, M. Walker and L. Pascoe.

WORLD XII: A. W. Greig (captain), C. G. Greenidge, B. Richards, I. V. A. Richards, H. Lloyd, Asif Iqbal, A. P. E. Knott, Imran Khan, A. M. E. Roberts, J. Garner, W. W. Daniel, D. L. Underwood.—Reuter.

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# Harding makes Luton's crowd feel low

Luton 1 Bristol R 1

Luton Town had victory snatched from them 15 seconds from the end of an entertaining game when Harding headed Bristol Rovers's equalizer from a corner by Gould. Four minutes from time Luton's Ron Futcher had broken the deadlock with a header from an overhead kick by Stein, which made Luton's lowest crowd for many years (5,913) think they were heading for a heart-warming victory on a bitterly cold evening.

Luton had done most of the attacking, but were unable to find a way round a solid defence, although Stein and Ron Futcher hit the woodwork.

Reading 3 Torquay U 3

Two goals down in 15 minutes, Reading hit back to draw with Torquay United in their first game since January 13. Goals from Brown and Raper put the visitors ahead before Kearns equalized from the penalty spot. Bowman made it 2-2 in the 53rd minute, but Brown quickly put Torquay back in front.

With 14 minutes left, Kearns hit his second goal to deprive Torquay of their first win at Elm Park for 22 years. Dunn and Parsons had their names taken.

# Greenwood sees England youths shine

England 3 France 1

England's manager Ron Greenwood saw his youth team earn a two-goal lead in the first leg of their Uefa Youth tournament match against France at Selhurst Park last night. But he will be disappointed that England are not taking a greater advantage to Paris on March 1 for they dominated this tie.

With away goals counting double, a 2—0 win for France in the second leg will give them a place in the finals which take place in Poland in May. England were off to a fine start when Crystal Palace's Fenick headed in Ranson's cross in the tenth minute.

Seacole, a constant menace to the French defence, finished a brilliant move involving Ritchie and Burke to give England a 2—0 lead in the twenty-eighth minute.

Hilaire warmed the crowd by netting a superb third in the sixty-fifth minute. This led to complacency in the English defence and the French striker, Weiss, stole through to head in Borel's cros three minutes later.

ENGLAND: I. Hesford (Blackpool): R. Ranson (Manchester City), B. Klug (Ipswich Town), A. Gale (Fulham), D. Salman (Brentford), A. Weir (Sunderland, Capt), V. Hilaire (Crystal Palace), J. Seacole (Oxford United), T. Fenwick (Crystal Palace), A. Ritchie (Manchester United), S. Burke (Nottingham Forest).

FRANCE: F. Merelle (Paris, St Germain): J. L. Hocquaux (Matz), J-C Laffargue (Paris FC), D. Fernandez (Toulouse), S. Folcher (Newos), J. Borol (St Etienne), J. Forraiue (Bordeaux), D. Jaffres (Rennes), A. Weiss (Strasbourg), T. Ninot (Monaco), J-M Zerbie (Bastia).

Referee: J. N. Keizer (Netherlands).

Wales 1 Scotland 0

Alistair McLeod, Scotland's manager, received little help with his World Cup selection from this Under-21 international, in which his side was beaten by a bigger, bouncier Wales team. The more mature Welsh held the reins from the start and the only surprise was that it took them 34 minutes to score.

Thomas helped to make the goal, enabling Clarke of Manchester United to put James of Swansea clear. James drove home from 18 yard

McLeod was forced to strengthen his defence after 63 minutes, bringing on Orr of Morton for Celtic's Casey, and this helped to stifle the Wales attacks. Still West Brom's Hughes managed a dipping shot after Giles of Cardiff had pinpointed a free kick. The ball clipped the top of the bar.

## Football League scores and other results yesterday

League Cup, semi-final round
Leeds (1) 1 Nottm Ft (2) 3
E. Gray — Withe (2), O'Hare
43,222

Under-21 international
Wales (1) 1 Scotland (0) 0
James
2,454

First division
Man Utd (1) 1 Bristol C (1) 1
Hill (pen) — Cormack
43,560

Second division
Bristol Rvrs (0) 1 Luton (0) 1
Harding — Futcher
5,913

Third division
Port Vale (1) 4 Exeter (0) 0
Froggatt, Sutcliffe, Beamish
3,333

Fourth division
Reading (1) 3 Torquay (2) 3
Kearns (2, 1 pen), Bowman — Brown (3), Raper
4,537

Scottish premier division
Dundee United v Motherwell postponed

Scottish second division
Queen's Pk (0) 0 E Stirling (0) 0

UEFA YOUTH TOURNAMENT: England 3, France 1.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Italy 2, France 2; Israel 2, Denmark 0.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Nuneaton 0, Bangor 0; Runcorn 1, Boston United 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Weymouth 0, Telford 0. First division: South: Addlestone 2, Dorchester 1.

OTHER MATCH: Blackpool 3, Fort Lauderdale 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyn's, Dulwich 1, Christ's Hospital 1; John Ruskin 2, St Joseph's, Beulah Hill 5; Pinner VI Form Coll 5, Willesden 5; Falmouth 5, Humphry Davy 2 (aet).

RUGBY UNION: Cambridge University 19, Trinity College, Dublin 9; Cardiff 22, Llanelli 3; Ebbw Vale 6, Aberavon 13; Oxford University 21, Royal Navy 15; Plymouth Albion 23, Army 4; Pontypridd 40, Lydney 3; Scottish Universities 3, Glasgow Under-23 18.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop Wand 38, Collingwood 4; Crown Woods 12, Brockley County 7; London Oratory 16, William Ellis 15; Shebbear 9, St Alban's, Argentina 18.

## Today's fixtures

SCOTTISH CUP: Third round replay: Cowdenbeath v Partick Thistle (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Hospitals' Cup, Semi-final round: St Mary's v Westminster (at Richmond: 2.30).

## United offer more

David Sexton, the Manchester United manager, said yesterday he had made a fourth increased bid of £450,000 plus the £45,000 levy for Gordon McQueen, of Leeds United. It is the same as Tottenham's offer which the club accepted and the player rejected.

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Rugby Union

# Scarlets put in the shade by inventive Cardiff

By Gareth Bowen

Cardiff 22 Llanelli 3

The one hundred and ninetieth meeting between these two famous clubs (one rampant, the other struggling), resulted in the surprising humbling of the Scarlets. But the contest was hugely memorable and a brilliant remineder that rugby in Wales is now highly entertaining and inventive. And no one played harder than the five internationals who had suffered in the mud of Twickenham on Saturday.

It was clearly a happier night than the afternoon had been for Nelmes, who exchanged his position as an English prop for the captaincy of the Cardiff side in place of the unfit Gerald Davies. Nelmes led his pack sensibly, giving priority to quick possession and heeling to Edwards

The game began eventfully with a four-minute penalty goal from Gareth Davies for Cardiff and the announcement that the referee, Mr C. G. P. Thomas (who had seen in actio at Murrayfield) had pulled a muscle and would need a replacement. However, he was obliged to bobble throughout the first half until his replacement arrived.

Despite a keen wind in their faces, Cardiff went further ahead after seventeenth minutes when Daniels rounded off a move begun when his full back, Glyn Davies, joined the outside of the line; Lane, always a lively flank forward, was ready to take his inside pass before giving it back to Daniels who had run around to the flag.

When Bennett pulled back three points with an easy penalty goal after half time there seemed some hope of a Llanelli revival—but a similar goal from Gareth Davies, after an offside infringement at the scrum, kept Cardiff on course for their first double over Llanelli in nine seasons.

A rare moment of ill-temper led to the lecturing of May and Robinson by the substitute refree, Mr Watkins, but the teams settled down thereafter to a long and sporting siege of the Llanelli line. More Cardiff scores had to come and the best movement of the second half involving Lane and Daniels made a try for Wallace which Gareth Davies improved.

Then came a memorable climax when Glyn Davies, a promising attacking full back in the J. P. R. mould, crossed after a neat break from Gareth Davies, yet another young Welshman with enormous potential.

CARDIFF: G. Davies; D. Thomas, P. Daniels, M. Murphy, D. Preece; G. Davies, G. Edwards; B. Nelmes, M. Watkins, G. Wallace, I. Robinson, G. Smith, T. Charles, M. McJennett, S. Lane.

LLANELLI: P. Morgan; J. J. Williams, R. Gravell, D. Jacobs, D. Nicholas (sub, R. Thomas); P. Bennett, S. Williams; C. Thomas, J. Lugg, L. Delaney, A. Davies, P. May, S. Thomas H. Jenkins R. Price.

Referee: C. G. P. Thomas (Tonteg, Pontypridd, sub, H. Watkins, Caldicot).

# McGeechan is moved to the trouble spot

Ian McGeechan's ability to play in two positions at international level is useful to Scotland. Against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week they have switched him from centre to the more troublesome position of stand-off half.

The switch should suit him and benefit Scotland. His partnership with Douglas Morgan, Scotland's captain and scrum half, should provide more flair immediately behind the scrummage.

In the last two internationals, against Ireland and France, McGeechan has played at centre; Scotland have lost them both. The weak link appeared to be at stand-off, where Wilson, of London Scottish, did not play well on either occasion.

McGeechan gained his first cap at stand-off half against New Zealand in 1973 and, although he has played most of his 26 internationals as a centre, he partnered Morgan at half back against Wales last season. Scotland lost but it looked a happy partnership.

Alastair Cranston wins one of the centre three-quarter berths and becomes the sixth Hawick member of the team. It will be his seventh cap and he remains in the side after replacing Andy Irvine, who was injured against France last Saturday.

Irvine's fitness is a worry to the Scottish selectors. He is having daily treatment for a badly bruised shoulder. Until he declares himself fit, which may not be until after the weekend, there remains a vacancy among the six replacements.

The pack was beaten in the scrummages in the early part of the second half; but the forwards did enough against France to suggest they should be given another chance and they have received a vote of confidence from the selectors. This means that David Leslie, a flanker, cannot find a place in the side, even as one of the replacements, although he is fit again after injury. He was originally chosen against the French but had to drop out.

SCOTLAND: A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP); B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir), J. M. Renwick (Hawick), A. G. Cranston (Hawick), D. Shedden (West of Scotland); I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), D. W. Morgan (Stewart's Melville FP, capt); J. McLaughlan (Jordanhill), C. T. Deans (Hawick), N. E. K. Pender (Hawick), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish), G. Y. Mackie (Highland), C. B. Hegarty (Hawick). Replacements: C. G. Hogg (Boroughmuir), R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest), K. G. Lawrie (Gala), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), D. S. M. MacDonald (West of Scotland), A. N. Other.

# Cambridge captain's two-way double

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge U 19 Trinity College 9

At Grange Road yesterday a biting wind which may have had its origins in Ormsk numbed the senses of those spectators hardy enough to brave it. With this behind them and with a solid forward platform, the Cambridge backs purred smoothly into action, making light of the tacky going and 13 points were rattled up in no time.

But Cambridge went off the boil a bit and, considering the rough time the Trinity forwards endured in the tight throughout the game, the Irishmen did well to lose to a side including eight Blues by no more than two goals, a penalty goal and a try to two dropped goals and a penalty goal.

Moreover Trinity had to yield Cambridge their last six points when they were reduced to seven forwards at a five-metre scrummage near their posts. Cambridge shoved them back towards the line and Butler picked up at No 8 for Robbie, the captain, to dart over unopposed and then to kick an easy goal.

Since the Irishmen were without five of their best forwards, including Spring, an international lock, the difficulties at the scrummage were understandable. But they stuck to their last in other areas and in Gibson, their No 8, they had a redoubtable performer

In the opening phase the two Cambridge locks, Heath and Goodman, as well as Brooman, a prop, commanded the lineout and there were many opportunities to admire the speed of Robbie's service; the adhesive hands of Parr at stand-off half; the distribution and strength of Fosh in the middle; and the timely and almost always effective contributions of Metcalfe from full back.

The last named was playing, not by any means for the first time, as a replacement for Hignell, still suffering some discomfort from the shoulder injury he sustained in the England-Wales game. Hignell says that the bruising is "working its way out fast". He hopes to be back in action this weekend.

It was Heath who opened the Cambridge account with a try scored from an interesting formation at a tapped penalty with three or four men runnig in parallel lines on either side of the fulcrum. Robbie stretched the lead with a penalty goal, whereupon Metcalfe came strongly through the middle and Parker put in Davies, wide on the left, but not so wide as to prevent Robbie from wicking a fine goal.

Ryan, the Trinity captain and a most useful looking stand-off, kept his side in touch with a dropped goal from a differential penalty but Cambridge still had most of the game when facing the wind. By the second half, however, the Cambridge forwards were not winning as much clean ball in the loose as they wanted and several of their backs, forgetting perhaps the advantages accruing earlier from quick and accurate passing, attempted to do too much on their own.

Early in the second half Ryan kicked a penalty to make it 13—6 and, late in the game when Andress had been replaced by O'Kelly, he landed another dropped goal, this an even better one from behind a lineout.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: I. Metcalfe (King Edward's, Birmingham, and St Catharine's); P. Parker (Colyer's and St Catharine's), *J. Davies (Christ's, Brecon, and St John's) (sub T. Hackshaw), *M. Fosh (Harrow and Magdalene); *I. Greig (Queen's, Queenstown, and Downing); M. Parr (St Joseph's, Blackpool, and Trinity Hall), *J. Robbie (The High School, Dublin, and Christ's, captain); *R. Brooman (Merchant Taylor's and Trinity); J. Grant (Haileybury and St Catharine's); S. Killick (Dulwich and Queen's); *N. Heath (Solihull and Downing); S. Goodman (St George's, Vancouver, and St Catharines); I. Stewart (Fettes and Christ's); *E. Butler (Monmouth and Fitzwilliam); *S. Glanvill (Exeter and Pembroke).

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN: G. Hayes, J. Sanfey, S. Steele, M. Crowe, N. Crowley, W. Ryan (captain), S. Andress (sub N O'Kelly), J. Langbrock, A. Stewart, C. Hanna, V. Ryan, S Larkin, C. Byrne, M. Gibson, B. Gribben.

Referee: D. M. Robinson (London).
* A Blue.

Squash rackets

# Eight of the best to play at Abbeydale Park

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

The players who reached the last eight of the world open squash rackets championship, at Adelaide, last October, are all in the draw for the inaugural championship of the International Squash Players' Association (ISPA), to be played at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, from February 27 to March 5.

The 32 competitors from nine nations will contest £10,000 in prize money. The sponsors are the Shepherd Building Service, who manufacture the Spacemaker courts.

The seedings predict that the pairings in the quarter-final round will be Hunt v Barrington, Jahan v Alauddin, Mohibullah v Watson and Nancarrow v Zaman. But in the previous round Barrington, Watson and Nancarrow may have particularly testing matches—against Safwat, Brownlee and Torsam respectively.

Britain gained an impregnable lead in their three-match women's amateur international series with New Zealand by winning 2—1 at Wembley last evening. The individual and collective results duplicated those at Plymouth a week earlier. But Robyn Davis picked up one more game for New Zealand at third string. When leading 6—4 in the fourth game she was briefly within tantalizing range of a success that could have left the outcome of the series in suspense until these teams meet at Edgbaston on February 20.

Barbara Diggens beat Miss Davis 5—9, 9—0, 3—9, 9—6, 9—[illegible]. The result always depended on the fluctuating form of the more powerfully adventurous Mrs Diggens, who could usually be relied on to finish the rallies one way or another. She made far more errors than Miss Davis and was particularly wild on the backhand. But she produced a wealth of winners and, when it was necessary, played her most disciplined squash.

Pam Buckingham put New Zealand level by winning 9—4, 5—[illegible], 10—8, 9—3 against Teresa Lawes who plays the angles well, but on this occasion was often caught napping when her opponent did the same thing. From 0—5 down in the second game Miss Lawes played with concentrated restraint to win 14 points out of 16. For the rest of the match Mrs Buckingham was usually in charge because she was as sound technically as she was shrewd tactically.

Susan Cogswell, Britain's first string, took only 20 minutes to beat Jenny Webster 9—1, 9—[illegible], 9—0. The strong and agile Miss Cogswell showed an unswerving sense of purpose and commanded a great variety of pace and winning shots.

Tennis

# Britain in danger of relegation

After losing five of their six matches to finish bottom of the table in the European King's Cup indoor tennis team championships, Britain find themselves in danger of relegation to second division as they line up against Yugoslavia in the home leg of the play-offs tonight.

Britain's singles players, John Lloyd and John Feaver, showed considerably improved form in practice yesterday and the fact that the Yugoslavs are without their experienced internationals, Pilic and Spear, should give them added confidence.

Yachting

# Jury upholds Tabarly's disqualification

An international jury has upheld the Royal Navy Sailing Association's decision to disqualify the French yachtsman, Eric Tabarly, from the round-the-world yacht race. The jury ruled against Tabarly's yacht Pen Duick because of her revolutionary uranium keel which precluded her from receiving a handicap rating.

The Frenchman was originally banned just after he began the third leg of the race from Auckland to Rio. He elected to race on saying that he would be able to provide a rating certificate which would satisfy the organizers.

## For the record

### Cresta Run

ST MORITZ: 1, R. Cowell (US), 163.16sec; 2, C. Kopp, 165.11; 3, G. Saratz, 165.75; 4, R. A. Smith (GB), 167.00; 5, F. Gansser, 167.08; 6, R. Ennis (US), 167.56.

### Badminton

COPENHAGEN: Danish championship: M. Frost beat F. Delfs, 9—15, 15—6, 15—1.

HAARLEM: Uber Cup: Quarter-final round: Netherlands beat Canada, 5—2. Winners play England.

### Tennis

ST LOUIS: J. Newcombe beat C. Barazzutti, 6—2, 6—3; C. Lewis beat R. Ramirez, 7—6, 4—0 (retired); E. Dibbs beat J. Higueras, 6—0, 6—5; W. Fibak beat H. Gildemeister, 6—3, 6—1; A. Mayer beat J. Fillol, 7—6, 6—7, 6—2; R. Hewitt beat B. Buchholz, 6—3, 6—4; R. Stockton beat K. Rosewall, 6—3, 6—4.

SPRINGFIELD (Massachusetts): H. Solomon beat D. Palm (Sweden), 6—1, 6—4; M. Riessen beat J. Granat (Czechoslovakia), 6—2, 4—6, 7—6; R. Taylor (GB) beat El Shafei (Egypt), 6—3, 7—5; R. Cass (Australia) beat P. Dupre, 6—4, 2—6, 6—3; A. Fillol (Chile) beat J. Bailey, 7—6, 6—7, 6—0.

### Squash rackets

ALDERSHOT: Army Association Individual Championships: Quarter-final round: Lieutenant W. H. Stewart beat Lance Corporal T. Prentice 1—9, 9—7, 9—1, 9—1; Staff Sergeant T. R. Sharkey beat Lieutenant-Colonel V. B. Miller, 8—10, 9—2, 9—5, 9—7; Captain C. M. M. Wilson beat Staff Sergeant I. W. McQuilkin, 9—1, 9—0, 9—0; Sergeant R. Robinson beat Lieutenant J. R. Mosedale, 9—6, 9—0, 9—5.

Snooker

# Spencer to face Thorburn

After a shaky start, the world professional snooker champion, John Spencer, eased one step nearer to a £3,000 top prize in the Masters tournament, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, at the New London Theatre yesterday.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: Higgins beat D. Taylor, [illegible]. C. Thorburn (Canada) beat D. Mountjoy (Wales), 4—2. J. Spencer beat J. Pulman, [illegible].

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who are all members of the Levy Board's scientific advisory body and as such signatories to the Code of Practice, stressed that what Dr O'Driscoll says these days does not carry a great deal of weight either in this country or in Ireland because he alienated himself for failing to notify others about the disease which he experienced in Ireland in 1976. Had he done so it is probable that the outbreak at Newmarket a year later would have been much less severe.

This emphasized the importance of owners and breeders and their veterinary advisers giving prompt notice to the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and other studs in the event of a case of contagious metritis being confirmed. It is felt that the disease will be controlled in the end in much the same way that rhinopneumonitis was, through the free interchange of information and prompt notification.

Yesterday Messrs David, Frank and Powell were far more concerned that the Code of Practice which is designed to identify infected mares and thus stop the spread of the disease should be adhered to rigidly than they were about anything that Dr O'Driscoll had said. They told me that as long as everyone in the industry pulled their weight there was every chance that the disease would be controlled in 1978.

The feeling here is that there is much more to be said for being flexible and treating every case on its merits until more is known about the disease. At present the adoption of the Code of Practice is on a purely voluntary basis. But if it is seen that there is a lack of cooperation among breeders and the programme does not work then there will be a need for a far more rigid control in the future.

Regardless of the expense, the control and eradication of contagious equine metritis in the thoroughbred world is vital both because of the huge amount of money that is currently tied up in racing and breeding and because of the effect that it will have on our export market. It is also crucial that it is eliminated before it spreads into the light horse and hunter world.

At present 23 private laboratories have been designated as suitable centres for receiving swabs in this country and they have agreed to trade information freely with one another. Copies of the Code of Practice can be obtained from the Thoroughbred Breeders Association whose offices are at 168 High Street, Newmarket.

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Colonel Sir Harry Llewellyn, president of the British Equestrian Federation, announcing the precautionary guidelines yesterday, said: "We have no wish to cause a panic. But we must make it known that a very serious situation could arise unless great care is taken to prevent a spread of the disease."

Last year at the National Stud 23 stallions and 150 mares were found to be infected, and covering stopped on May 10. This year at Newmarket, one stallion, and 19 mares have been found to be infected, but all have been treated and covering will resume at the opening of the season on Wednesday. Although highly infectious, the disease is in most cases easy to treat.

Metritis has also been reported in Ireland and Australia, and is presumed to have been imported to Newmarket from one or other country. Its presence has already affected exports in the non-thoroughbred sector, and its spread could seriously affect the future supply of all British horses.

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Cold Spell, S. Mellor, 6-11-4 .... P. Blacker
Cossak Prince, W. D. Francis, 8-11-4 .... A. K. Taylor
Desmond Dene, S. Norton, 8-11-4 .... G. Graham 5
Dumyasha, K. Oliver, 7-11-4 .... R. Barry
Flair Farmer, K. Oliver, 7-11-4 .... D. Turnbull 7
Flomingstown, F. Rimell, 8-11-4 .... C. Tinkler
Golden Days, D. McCain, 7-11-4 .... R. F. Davies
Kruganko, N. Crump, 7-11-4 .... D. Atkins
Mafia King, E. Courage, 7-11-4 .... S. Morshead
Moray Lodge, S. Norton, 7-11-4 .... J. T. Bourke
Stonewaller, O. O'Neill, 8-11-4 .... S. C. Knight
Strongbox, Thomson Jones, 8-11-4 .... S. Smith-Eccles
...adoo, 4-1 Prince Haythorn, 9-2 Kruganko, 9-1 Carnival Day, 12-1 Lok Yee, 14-1 Dumyasha, Strongbox, 16-1 Cossak Prince.

**...LOO HURDLE (Handicap: £836: 2½m)**

Deep Mystery, E. Owen jun, 6-12-0 .... Mr H. Houlbrook 7
...mperor's Gift, K. Bailey, 8-11-2 .... Mr N. Twiston-Davis 7
Hemingway, J. Spilling, 6-11-1 .... P. Charlton
Java Fox (D), E. Cambidge, 8-11-0 .... R. Crank
Ballyglass, R. Vibert, 5-10-10 .... C. Candy
Man Alive, G. Richards, 7-10-9 .... D. Goulding
Slap Happy, J. Hardy, 5-10-7 .... N. Tinkler
Pearly (D), M. Tate, 6-10-6 .... C. Smith
Wistanwick, A. Andrews, 5-10-6 .... T. Andrews 7
Santellis (D), D. Gandolfo, 9-10-5 .... P. Barton
Noron, R. Morris, 6-10-4 .... F. Morris 7
Major Crisis, M. Tate, 6-10-0 .... R. Hyett
Sackville, D. Gandolfo, 6-10-0 .... R. F. Davies
Bonny Royal, W. Whiston, 10-10-0 .... —
Montreal Boy, J. Calvert, 7-10-0 .... Mr H. Orde-Powlett 5
9-2 Emperors Gift, 5-1 Santellis, 7-1 Ballyglass, 8-1 Man Alive, ...story, 16-1 Slap Happy, Bonny Royal, 20-1 others.

**...ER HURDLE (£3,817: 3m)**

John Cherry (C), Thomson Jones, 7-11-7 .... S. Smith-Eccles
Another Captain (C-D), A. Scott, 6-11-5 .... J. O'Neill
Fair Kitty, J. Fitzgerald, 7-11-3 .... M. Lowry 5
Fighting Fit (D), K. Oliver, 6-11-3 .... R. Barry
Luckey Mate, R. Wright, 12-11-3 .... Mr J. Wright
Tragus (D), D. Morley, 6-11-3 .... B. R. Davies
Water Colour (D), M. Tate, 9-11-3 .... C. Smith
Woldyknow, G. Richards, 7-11-3 .... D. Goulding
Broomley, W. Elsey, 6-11-0 .... G. Holmes
Willie May (D), D. Ancil, 5-11-0 .... A. Turnell
Eastbrook, E. Weymes, 4-10-9 .... C. Tinkler
...Cherry, 6-1 Fighting Fit, 7-1 Fair Kitty, 8-1 Tragus, 12-1 ...n, 14-1 Woldyknow, 16-1 Water Colour, Broomley, 20-1 others.

**...N PIT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,236: 2m)**

Lanky Lad (D), D. Nugent, 10-11-6 .... Mr N. Henderson
Julian Swift, D. Morley, 8-11-2 .... Mr J. Ruichard 5
Gay Kempsey (D), R. E. Peacock, 11-11-1 Mr M. Brisbourne 5
Sea Count (D), G. Richards, 9-10-13 .... Mr R. Page 5
Bold Warrior (D), J. Berry, 7-10-12 .... Mr A. Wilson
Day To Day (D), A. Andrews, 8-10-0 .... —
Daiket, R. Wright, 13-10-0 .... Miss J. Wright 7
...Warrior, 9-2 Lanky Lad, 11-2 Gay Kempsey, 7-1 Sea Count, 8-1 13-1 others.

**...DAM HURDLE (4-y-o: £732: 2m)**

Drummossie (D), M. H. Easterby, 11-5 .... A. Brown
Tamalinden Tillia (D), H. Nicholson, 11-0 .... K. White
True Diver, S. Holland, 11-0 .... J. Marshall
Belly Pinza, D. Pearl, 10-9 .... S. O'Neill
Boss Alibi, R. Morris, 10-9 .... F. Morris
Golden Vow, G. P-Gordon, 10-9 .... C. Peck
Heldorty, R. Hollinshead, 10-9 .... J. Holt 5
Lewis Homes, J. Edwards, 10-9 .... T. McGee
Mans-Lib, D. Jermy, 10-9 .... J. Mooney
Mummy's Star, S. Mellor, 10-9 .... J. Rowe
Princely Call, J. P. Jones, 10-9 .... P. Carvill
Royal Bishop, J. Berry, 10-9 .... S. Houlker
Sammy Souza, Mrs B. Lomax, 10-9 .... J. Kear 5
Showaddywaddy, T. Brookshaw, 10-9 .... P. Barry
...Vow, 4-1 Drummossie, 13-1 Tamalinden Tillia, 16-1 True Diver, ...'s Star, Heldorty, 35-1 others.

# O'Neill the fastest man on four legs

By Michael Seely

John O'Neill became the jockey to ride a hundred winners in the shortest time when winning the Widnes Selling Hurdle on Sweet Millie at Haydock Park yesterday. After receiving an onyx cigarette box from the racecourse chairman, Tom Whittle, the 25-year-old Irishman then gave the large crowd overwhelming proof of his supreme strength and determination when driving home the 11-year-old Tregarron to a head victory over Rambling Artist in the Malcolm Fudge Handicap Steeplechase. Rambling Artist's rider David Goulding, is no weakling, but no jockey living could have denied O'Neill on Tregarron yesterday.

Fred Rimell, four times champion himself, was moved to say, "This is certainly some coachman. He's the best I've seen since Terry Biddlecombe." Comparisons are always invidious. "O'Neill is perhaps too hard on horses, but for sheer consistency and an utter refusal to give up however hopeless the situation appears, O'Neill very much resembles Fred Winter, the man whose record was broken yesterday. Winter rode his 100th winner on March 14, 1953 at a time when there was much less racing than today.

If ever a horse's cause looked lost, it was Tregarron's five fences from home. As Rambling Artist and Tamalin overtook the early leader, Shifting Gold, and sprinted for home rounding the final turn, Tregarron had lost his place and was under strong pressure over 15 lengths in arrears. At the first fence in the straight, Shifting Gold stumbled on landing, unseating Michael Dickinson, who lay motionless on the ground.

At this point, the race appeared to rest between the two leaders. But suddenly at the second last it was obvious that Tregarron had got his second wind and was really running. Tamalin dropped back, beaten at the start of the long run-in, and in a desperate dual to the post Tregarron just prevailed.

The run-in at Haydock is a quarter of a mile in length. And with every stride the horses took, the voice of Tregarron's trainer, Ken Oliver, a 63-year-old auctioneer from Hawick, could be heard chanting "John Jo, John Jo, John Jo" with all the ritualistic fervour of any Manchester United supporter.

It really was a splendid occasion. And every bit as much credit must go to the gallant Tregarron as to his partner, O'Neill. It is a truism to say that no jockey can win without his horse, but none the less accurate. And Tregarron's bottomless courage matched that of his rider. During a long and honourable career which has been plagued by leg trouble, Tregarron has now won 21 races for his owner, Mr H. W. Blyth.

Ken and Rhona Oliver think that Tregarron is now too old for the



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big races, but providing that he keeps as well and fresh as he looked yesterday, this wonderful old servant might be allowed to take his chance in the Scottish Grand National. The stable's rising young star, Rambling Jack, is an almost certain runner in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow on Saturday week.

But, how did this Haydock race affect the Grand National itself? According to his jockey, Ron Barry, Red Rum jumped magnificently until lack of condition told on the second circuit. Donald McCain also expressed himself as being satisfied with the performance of his champion, who looked distinctly on the portly side beforehand.

It is impossible to tell how well Shifting Gold was going at the time of his mishap. The nine-year-old had lost touch at the last fence on the far side of the course and wasc still some four or five lengths behind the leaders when he came to grief. But Dickinson is famous for giving horses breathers at this stage of a race in order to conserve their energies for a final effort.

Unfortunately, the jockey was too concussed afterwards to know what had happened. Dickinson was taken to St Helen's hospital for observation, but only after the racecourse doctor had ordered him with the utmost firmness to obey his instructions instead of driving home Shifting Gold appeared to be unharmed and his trainer, Kim Bailey, said that the nine-year-old would certainly not run again before Aintree.

Red Rum and Shifting Gold remain first and second favourites for the Grand National, at 8-1 and 12-1, respectively, which is certainly a strange situation after one horse has been beaten 55 lengths and the other has fallen. But, Red Rum (who started at 25-1 yesterday) and McCain are laws until themselves and Shifting Gold had jumped brilliantly until the time of his accident.

At Haydock today, John Cherry is a confident selection to win the £5,000 Premier Long Distance Hurdle. John Cherry's owner, Milton Ritzenberg, has already seen his colours carried to victory at the National Hunt Festival by Clever Scot. This year the American must have high hopes of landing a double at Cheltenham with John Cherry and with Sweet Joe, who at this stage of affairs looks like representing the chief threat to The Dealer in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase.

John Cherry is one of the most remarkable characters in racing at the present time. His many successes on the flat include triumphs in the Cesarewitch, the Chester Cup, and France's principal race for stayers, the Prix Gladiateur. At times, the seven-year-old has been labelled as a rogue, but this slur is completely unjustified. John Cherry can only give of his best in the soft ground, which is likely to prevail today. This season he has shown immense courage under unsuitable conditions at Ascot, notably when running on under pressure to beat Pueblo in December.

John Cherry's reputation has not deterred his rivals, as only three horses were withdrawn at the overnight stage of declarations, leaving 11 runners. That versatile animal, Fair Kitty, is not without a chance, nor is Gordon Richards's Woldyknow, who is more than useful at his best. But the principal threat should come from David Morley's Tragus, who along with the rest of his stable colleagues is now recapturing his best form as he showed when beating Foolsome at Folkestone.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: Steeplechase course, good to soft: hurdles soft. Huntingdon: soft. Tomorrow: Kelso: Soft. Newbury: Steeplechase course, good to soft: Hurdles, soft.

# Norfolk Air and long johns recommended at Huntingdon

By John Karter

For those who are prepared to encase themselves in long-johns, woollies and fur coats, topped off, perhaps, with a sou'vester and Wellington boots (hip flask optional but recommended) a visit to Huntingdon today could be a thoroughly entertaining way of enlivening a few hours of an otherwise dull February afternoon.

Last year's meeting was abandoned because of waterlogging, but yesterday at 10 am the course was given the all-clear. Apparently it has dried out well and the going will be soft. The first running of the Sydney Banks memorial Novices Hurdle (scheduled for last year's lost programme) will be the highlight of the afternoon and it brings together some highly promising young horses, notably Norfolk Air, Roadhead and Hippolito.

Norfolk Air was god enough to win the Lingfield Park Derby Trial as a three-year-old and two other flat races last year. He was sold out of John Dunlop's stable at the December Sales for 29,000 guineas, and although not exactly taking to hurdles like the proverbial duk to water he has at least smoothed over the feathers which were ruffled on his first appearance (when he flopped badly at Cheltenham) by winning both his subsequent races. The first of these, at Warwick told us nothing as he beat "no-hopers", but at Kempton Park, although his jumping left something to be desired, he won authoritatively from Pippin Place and a big field.

Norfolk Air's class and speed should see him through today, but this will be by far his toughest test. Roadhead's best run was when he beat The Tista in a Panama Cigar Hurdle qualifier and Briardown made an impressive first appearance when coming home six lengths clear of Nostradamus at Newbury. The greatest danger to Norfolk Air, though, may be the Irish challenger, Hippolito, who ran so well at Ascot when failing by a neck to hold Ballyfin Lake, subsequently the winner of a valuable event at Chepstow.

For those who are looking for a speculative bet that could produce a healthy dividend, Creevelea could be the one in the Glatton Handicap Hurdle. But, speculative is the operative word. Creevelea is as moody as a punk rocker whose safety pins have been bent. If he reproduced the form of his fine Market Rasen win from Master Thief he could surprise all hsi rivals, but a safer proposition may be Paper Rich, who is improving all the time and will be trying for his fourth win from his last five starts.

## Haydock Park results

**12.45 (12.47) GOLBORNE HURDLE** (Div I: novices: £700: 2m)

The Tista, b g, by Sahib—Winding River (S. Powell), 5-12-0
P. Blacker (10-11 fav) 1
Killora .... K. Gray (12-1) 2
The Hand .... Mr E. Woods (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Sweet Shop, 10-1 Doctor Dench, Royal Pursuit, 14-1 Four Pals (4th), 25-1 Mossberry, 33-1 Niagara Rhythm, 50-1 Batty, Clear Beat, Great aBll, High Blaze, Dawn Fox, Holy Red, Matey, Sturdy Lad, Lasting Friendship. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 11p, 80p, 16p; dual forecast, £3.52. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 5l, 1½l. Reasonable Choice did not run.

**1.15 (1.17) RIBBLE STEEPLECHASE** (Novices handicap: £819: 2m)

Bird of Prey, b g, by Falcon—Chivalrous (Mrs E. Weller), 8-10-12 .... A. Webber (13-2) 1
Funny Baby .... M. Dickinson (3-1) 2
Bobbie Gordon
D. Goulding (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Wiltrae, Star of the Artic, 15-2 Comedy Time, 12-1 Prince of Normandy, 50-1 Zonta, Beck'n Call. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 14p, 21p, 16p; dual forecast, 91p. J. Webber, at Banbury. hd, 2½l.

**1.45 (1.46) WIDNES HURDLE** (£600: 2½m)

Sweet Millie, ch m, by Methane—One Fine Day (A. Hoddinott), 5-11-10 .... J. J. O'Neill (7-2) 1
Lavenham Lady
R. R. Evans (12-1) 2
Mace The Ace .. S. Holland (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Foxy Fanns (4th), 4-1 Priestcroft Star, 10-1 Ueno Star, 20-1 Leeann Lad, Tread Softly, 25-1 Salsa, Forty Thieves, 40-1 Money Boil, Beau Star (p). 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 13p, 29p, 69p; dual forecast, £8.87. C. Dingwall at East Ilsley. 1l, 7l. Plonket Street did not run. Winner bought in for 875gns.

**2.15 (2.17) BEECHES FARM HURDLE** (Handicap: £784: 2m)

Tommys Hope, b h, by Military—Shropshire Lyric (W. Thornton), 5-10-13 .... D. Munro (11-2) 1
Et Tue .... Mr C. Cundall (9-1) 2
Saintly Sorrel .. R. Collins (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Nunstar, 8-1 Friendly Boy, 9-1 Emma J, 10-1 Maypo, 14-1 Estate Agent, 16-1 Upper Echelon, Benevolence (4th), 20-1 Roman Dera, What-A-Prince, 33-1 Top-N-Tale, Windmill Box, Airy Fairy, Mr Resistor, Lennox, Regal Jester, Nenoon. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 11p, 14p, 38p, 23p; dual forecast, £1.10. C. Thornton, at Middleham. Nk, 3l.

**2.45 (2.46) MALCOLM FUDGE STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £3,607: 2½m)

Tregarron, b g, by Never Say Die—Impudent (H. Blyth), 11-10-7
J. J. O'Neill (3-1 jt fav) 1
Rambling Artist D. Goulding (3-1) 2
Tamalin .... J. King (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt fav Shifting Gold (f), 25-1 Red Rum. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; dual forecast, 43p. K. Oliver, at Hawick. Hd, 25l.

**3.15 (3.17) LANCASHIRE STEEPLECHASE** (£656: 3m)

Timiem's Battle, b h, by Battle Burn—Fort Flame (G. Deverell), 7-12-0, Mr P. Greenall (9-4 fav) 1
Straight Vulgan
Mr F. Ransom (33-1) 2
Near and Far, Mr J. Chugg (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mickley Seabright (4th), 5-1 Spartan Missile, 8-1 Drumbo, 9-1 Hopeful Curtis, 12-1 Air General, The Norseman, 14-1 Beau Slaney, Collins, Frigid Fox, 20-1 Ben Ruler, Dulorne (u), 25-1 Border Patrol, aPscuela, 33-1 Blueberry Hill VI, My Sunshine, Straight Lemon (p). 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, £1.04, £1.12; dual forecast, £15.31. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 12l, hd.

**3.45 (3.46) GOLBORNE HURDLE** (Div II: novices: £756: 2m)

Babbling Brook, gr h, by Don II—Sally Stream (Ld Hartington), 5-1110
Mr J. Burchard (3-1 fav) 1
Red Sun .... D. Munro (100-30) 2
Lantern Boy .. Mr M. Lee (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Walter, Vulroy's Kid (p), 9-1 Scotch Henry, 10-1 Before Eight, 16-1 Melody River, 20-1 Varalgo (4th), Tudor Ruff, 25-1 Wellfort, 35-1 Caxton Hall, Beau Lord, Lalello, Karanos, Panda's Gambol, Troons Tale, Tunnel Master, Cilia, Red Clip, Sovereign Lane, Aristotle (p). 22 ran.

TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 18p, 27p, 57p; dual forecast, 76p. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. 4l, hd.

TOTE DOUBLE: Sweet Millie and Tregarron, £3.55. TREBLE: Bird Of Prey, Tom's Hope, Timmie's Battle, £39.55. JACKPOT: £2,149.45. PLACEPOT: £33.40.

## Huntingdon programme

**1.30 LONG STANTON HURDLE (Handicap: £448: 2m 200yd)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | p | Bad But Beautiful, B. Harper, 5-12-1 | Mr R. Harper 7 |
| 4 | 400322 | Roaming Minstrel, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-12 | C. Astbury |
| 8 | 044 | Deenair, D. Weeden, 4-11-9 | J. Smith 5 |
| 10 | 230010 | Telestar, J. Harris, 4-11-8 | P. Tuck 7 |
| 12 | 434b41 | Mercedem (C-D), M. Chapman, 5-11-1 | J. Kerley 7 |
| 13 | 000241 | Merry Leap, M. McCourt, 5-11-1 | G. McCourt |
| 15 | 0009 | Carvers Corah, P. Felgate, 4-10-8 | J. Pearce |
| 16 | 034020 | Captain Cheeko, P. Allingham, 4-10-8 | — |
| 17 | 0-0003 | Golden Gun, R. Page, 5-10-6 | J. James |

2-1 Merry Leap, 3-2 Roaming Minstrel, 9-2 Mercedem, 5-1 Deenair, 8-1 Telestar, 12-1 Captain Cheeko, 20-1 others.

**2.0 MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £484: 2½m)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3313- | Ellerby Lord, Mrs Z. Cundall, 10-12-5 | Mr C. Cundall 5 |
| 3 | 01p- | Escallop, L. Garfield, 8-12-5 | Mr K. Mason 7 |
| 6 | 1p2030- | Ptarmigan III (C-D), F. Gilman, 12-12-5 | Mr C. Saunders |
| 7 | 401300- | Soho Sol, J. Bloom, 13-12-5 | Mr M. Bloom |
| 9 | 0fffp- | Diesel Jack, P. Broome, 6-12-0 | Mr P. Webber 7 |
| 10 | 0- | Family Man, G. Graham, 8-12-0 | Mr G. Graham 7 |
| 11 | 11003- | Friendly Steve, P. Stearn, 6-12-0 | Mr S. Stearn 7 |
| 12 | 112010- | Kickham, H. Schulman, 9-12-0 | Mr O. Vaughan-Jones 7 |
| 15 | p- | King Caracticus, Mrs J. French, 14-12-0 | Mrs S. French 7 |
| 17 | 203233- | Morey St Denys, W. Hacking, 9-12-0 | Mr R. Hacking 7 |
| 18 | 130000- | Napall, J. Bowman, 8-12-0 | — |
| 21 | f- | Prince Tacitus, Mrs S. Stanier, 12-12-0 | Mr T. Heed |
| 25 | 0- | Whal, M. Barlow, 8-12-0 | Mr M. Barlow 7 |

5-2 Morey St Denys, 3-1 Kickham, 7-2 Ptarmigan III, 5-1 Soho Sol, 8-1 Ellerby Lord, 12-1 Prince Tacitus, 20-1 others.

**2.30 ELY STEEPLECHASE (£1,186: 2½m)**

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| 3 | 0-00102 | Nimrody, D. Kent, 7-11-13 | P. Haynes |
| 5 | fr1f04 | Lucy Parker, J. Fawkes, 7-11-9 | T. Casey |
| 6 | 0- | Icebreaker, T. Forster, 8-11-5 | G. Thorner |
| 7 | p00000 | Inventory, R. Redgrave, 10-11-8 | Mr P. Harris 7 |

1-4 Nimrody, 6-1 Lucy Parker, 10-1 Ice Breaker, 14-1 Inventory.

**3.0 SIDNEY BANKS HURDLE (Novices: £3,808: 2½m)**

| | | | |
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| 3 | 411 | Norfolk Air, F. Rimell, 6-11-7 | J. Burke |
| 4 | 0-21112 | Roadhead, J. Gifford, 5-11-7 | R. Champion |
| 7 | 020u | Baroncroft, A. Ingham, 6-11-4 | G. Thorner |
| 8 | 42023- | Charivari, M. Chapman, 8-11-4 | J. Kerly |
| 11 | 0000-00 | Flying Straight, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-4 | N. Holman |
| 13 | 002103 | Punters Joy, P. Bailey, 6-11-4 | I. Watkinson |
| 16 | 00033 | London Glory, M. Delahooke, 7-11-4 | J. Suthern |
| 17 | 0-00 | Maisuba, J. Harris, 8-11-4 | P. Tuck |
| 18 | ppp-p00 | Mr Hesarty, R. Wall, 7-11-4 | P. Barlow |
| 23 | 1 | Briardown, M. Masson, 5-11-2 | M. O'Halloran |
| 24 | | Chance Belle, P. Jarvis, 5-11-2 | J. Francome |
| 26 | 2-012u2 | Hippolito, P. Doyle, 5-11-2 | J. King |
| 27 | | Minstrel Song, W. Marshall, 5-11-2 | W. Smith |
| 28 | 004300 | River Belle (D), H. Ford, 5-11-2 | P. J. Kelly |
| 35 | 400104 | Petallot, J. Harris, 4-10-4 | D. Sunderland |

5-2 Norfolk Air, 3-1 Briardown, 7-2 Hippolito, 5-1 Roadhead, 10-1 Baroncroft, 14-1 Chance Belle, Punters Joy, 20-1 others.

**3.30 WHITTLESEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,079: 3m 100yd)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | f30-444 | Capuchin, P. Ransom, 9-11-6 | Mr F. Ransom 7 |
| 15 | pp3f42 | Cornmarket, C. Dingwall, 8-10-12 | H. J. Evans |
| 13 | 21-3441 | Vatican Express, E. Courage, 7-10-10 | A. Webber |
| 14 | 0-p4343 | Court Shadow, D. Greig, 9-10-9 | S. Parkyn |
| 18 | p-122pf | Ivors, D. Kent, 7-10-9 | P. Haynes |
| 20 | 004p-p4 | Guinea Model, Mrs J. French, 11-10-4 | Mrs S. French 7 |
| 22 | p | Arctic Glen, J. Leigh, 8-10-0 | — |
| 23 | 0f-1 | Brilliant Boy, T. Forster, 8-10-0 | G. Thorner |
| 24 | 422200 | Moon Trip, M. Connell, 10-10-0 | J. Barlow 5 |
| 26 | 04-03 | My Captain, D. Morley, 9-10-0 | J. Francome |
| 27 | fppp-0p | Good Relations, Mrs D. Oughton, 9-10-0 | N. Holman 5 |

3-1 Cornmarket, 7-2 My Captain, 4-1 Capuchin, 5-1 Court Shadow, 8-1 Vatican Express, 10-1 Ivors, 12-1 Brilliant Boy, 16-1 others.

**4.0 GLATTON HURDLE (Handicap: £919: 2m 200yd)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0-01140 | Florida King, D. Ringer, 6-12-0 | S. McNeill 7 |
| 2 | 021211 | Paper Rich, A. Goodwill, 5-11-12 | G. Thorner |
| 5 | 31310p | Prince Henham, N. Callaghan, 5-10-10 | G. McCourt |
| 7 | p0043-4 | Goose Pimple, J. Gifford, 5-10-8 | R. Champion |
| 11 | 040002- | Escapologist, I. Wardle, 6-10-6 | M. Leak 7 |
| 12 | 23001-0 | Flipper, J. Bingham, 9-10-4 | J. Pearce |
| 14 | 300010 | Creevelea, J. Harris, 7-10-1 | P. Tuck 7 |
| 21 | 230000 | Blou Hemel, H. Ford, 5-10-0 | P. J. Kelly |
| 23 | 104024- | Bigby, R. Sheliey, 7-10-0 | J. Pearce |

7-4 Paper Rich, 3-1 Goose Pimple, 4-1 Florida King, 6-1 Prince Henham, 8-1 Escapologist, 12-1 Creevelea, 16-1 others.

## Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Lerazma. 1.45 Lord Brae. 2.15 Man Alive. 2.45 John Cherry. 3.15 BOLD WARRIOR is specially recommended. 3.45 Drummossie.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 Dellwood Prince. 1.45 Strongbox. 2.45 John Cherry. 3.15 Julian Swift. 3.45 Golden Vow.

## Huntingdon selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.30 Roaming Minstrel. 2.0 Ptarmigan III. 2.30 Nimrody. 3.0 Norfolk Air. 3.30 Cornmarket. 4.0 Paper Rich.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Deenair. 3.0 Chance Belle. 3.30 My Captain. 4.0 Paper Rich.

## Two Mile Champion Steeplechase

ENTRIES: Allied Carpets 6 years, Another Dolly 8, Artistic Prince 7, Buddy Burke 7, Bunker Hill 8, Casbah 11, Colonel Mustard 10, Commandant 6, Crofton Hall 9, Early Spring 8, Even Melody 9, Flashy Boy 10, Gono Out 8, Grangewood Girl 9, Hilly Way 8, Kilmakilloge 9, Mac's Chariot 7, Menehall 11, Nimrody 7, Siberian Sun 7, Skymas 13, Spanish Tan 10, The Champ 10, Tingle Creek 12, Uncle Bing 9. To be run at Cheltenham on Tuesday, March 14.

## Cheltenham Gold Cup

ENTRIES: Andy Pandy 9 years, Bachelors Hall 8, Bannow Rambler 9, Bishops Pawn 7, Brown Lad 12, Bunker Hill 8, Call The Tune 8, Cancello 9, Casamayor 8, Davy Lad 8, Even Dawn 11, Even Melody 9, Fort Devon 12, Fort Fox 9, Gay Spartan 7, Graigue House 10, Master H 9, Master Spy 9, Midnight Court 7, Otter Way 10, Precious Jem 9, Rag Trade 12, Rambling Jack 7, Royal Frolic 9, Royslar 8, The Champ 10, The Last Light 9, Tied Cottage 10, Tip the Wink 8, Uncle Bing 9, Broncho II (dead), Our Edition (dead). To be run over three and a quarter miles on Thursday, March 16.

## Fontwell Park

**1.30 (1.35) CLIMPING STEEPLECHASE** (£1,420: 2½m)

Linsky, b g, by Linacre—Noirmont Girl (M. Soames), 6-10-5
M. Bastard (9-4 fav) 1
Toureen .... H. Davies (9-2) 2
Fezayet .... A. Coogan (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bredgar (4th), 8-1 Proson, 10-1 Old Smokey, 25-1 Last Trick, Royal Romance, 33-1 Buffalo Bill, Coplaru, Barrein, Girton Girl. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 40p, 21p, 15p; dual forecast, 71p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. ¾l, 8l.

**2.0 (2.3) PAGHAM HURDLE** (Handicap: £593: 2m 1f)

Purple Emperor, b g, by Alcide—Bunny (M. Keegan), 8-10-0
N. Holman (14-1) 1
Lacrimally .... W. Smith (12-1) 2
Otago Gold .. Mr G. Moore (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav La Diable (4th), 9-1 Fair Pool, 10-1 Dragon Hill, Leyburn Lady, 14-1 Service Charge, Soul Music, 16-1 Border Prince, Cawstons Prince, 20-1 Nagaraja, Tarradeen, 33-1 Thornproof (p), The Merricksman, ...erville, Om Shree, Chevin (p). 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.53; places, 31p, 23p, 13p, 17p; dual forecast, £6.17. D. Grissell, at Heathfield. 5l, 3l. Fair Streak did not run. There was no bid for the winner.

**2.30 (2.32) FINDON STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £1,302: 2½m)

Mister Know All, b g, by Master Owen—Nursery (Mrs H. Hooker), 9-11-13 .... Mr G. Sloan (5-2) 1
Flickity Prince .. K. Bosley (11-4) 2
Abo .... S. Jobar (13-8 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 14-1 Ringarose (4th), 16-1 Silver Delight, Wild Pirate. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 17p, 11p; dual forecast, 54p. J. Gifford, at Findon. ½l, nk.

**3.0 (3.1) CHICHESTER HURDLE** (4-y-o novices: £1,517: 2m 1f)

Freight Forwarder, ch c, by Calpurnius—Wig And Gown (Britannic Shipping Services Ltd), 10-7
I. Cox (7-2) 1
French Saint
B. R. Davies (15-8 fav) 2
Swallow Prince R. Champion (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Pardon (4th), 12-1 Eltham, Rial, 14-1 Royal Idol, Le Pretendant, 20-1 Upton Bishop (f), Namoora Cove, 33-1 Promalia. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 17p, 12p, 20p; dual forecast, 28p. A. J. Pitt, at Epsom. 3l, 3l. Prince Lancing did not run.

**3.30 (3.32) SELSEY STEEPLECHASE** (£904: 3½m)

Cherry Laurel, b g, by Master Buck—French Cherry (A. Ward), 7-11-0 .... J. Francome (7-2) 1
Scort .... B. R. Davies (7-2) 2
Bolgo Prince
R. Champion (11-8 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 William Penn (4th), 14-1 Tieplin, 20-1 Court Shade, Dinarise (u), Flying Prince (p), 33-1 Sporting Image (f). 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 11p, 16p, 11p; dual forecast, 55p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. 7l, 15l.

**4.0 (4.4) LYMINSTER HURDLE** (Handicap: £1,065: 3m 1f)

Sandy Hill, gr m, by Town Crier—Divine Right (J. Payne), 6-11-5
D. Coomer (14-1) 1
Subaltern Mr A. J. Wilson (10-1) 2
Princely .... J. Francome (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Gill Pass, 4-1 Selway (f), 9-2 Master Butcher (4th), 6-1 Regal Bird, 12-1 Karamist, 14-1 North Two, 20-1 Master Skipper, 25-1 Sergeant Troy, 33-1 Happy Land. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.44; places, 39p, 19p, 37p; dual forecast, £11.50. J. Welch, at Ascot. 8l, ¾l. Prince Abyss did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Mister Know All, Cherry Laurel: £13.55. TREBLE: Purple Emperor, Freight Forwarder, Sandy Hill: £43.90.

## Champion Hurdle

ENTRIES: Acquaint 7 years, Beacon Light 7, Birds Nest 8, Decent Fellow 5, Dramatist 7, Drumgora 6, Gambling Prince 5, Kolro Scott 8, Kypo 5, Levaramoss 5, Lighter 5, Master Monday 8, Meladon 5, Monksfield 6, Narribinni 6, Night Nurse 7, Nougat 8, Prominent King 6, Rathconrath 5, Royal Mail 8, Sea Pigeon 8, Sheiahnu 5, Troyswood 6, True Lad 8, Wovoka 7. To be run over two miles and 200 yards at Cheltenham on Wednesday, March 15.

Boxing

# Conteh's left knows his right is doing nothing

By Srikumar Sen

John Conteh may have got 100 out of 100 on the official card in his bout with Joe Cokes, of the United States, at the Sobell Centre on Tuesday night, but there could not have been many marks for neatness in that score. At times it was like watching one of those programmes on television where a sportsman is frozen in mid-action to partner the credits. Just when it seemed that Cokes was set up for the right hand, Conteh seemed to draw away. Yet had he used it early he might have saved himself six stitches in an inch-long gash above his left cheek bone. This, of course, freezes any immediate plans for challenging the world champion, Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia. He will not be able to spar for six weeks or take part in any contest for two months.

I noticed swellings under both eyes as early as the second round and Curtis Cokes, the former world welterweight champion, who was in brother Joe's corner, confirmed to me yesterday that the damage was done through an uppercut close in in the first round. So it was from that point in the bout that brother Joe kept landing jabs on the eye to help it along. Admittedly, Cokes had parried or blocked some of Conteh's best punches, but he took much more punishment than Conteh and yet he remained quite unmarked by boxers' standards. Curtis Cokes put this down to the fact that Conteh has been out of the ring for too long and that he, Curtis, gives his brother's face the ice-cream-and-vinegar treatment. By ice-cream he means rock salt.

The business about Conteh's right hand is baffling. In training it looked in good shape. It was the same in Copenhagen when he defended against Alvaro Lopez, only worse. I do not remember his using his right hand at all! He won the bout on left jabs. The prospect of facing Parlov becomes more daunting than before. For apart from being an East European, and having won an Olympic gold medal, the European and world amateur championship, and the vote as the best boxer in Europe, he is a southpaw. Which, theoretically, means that the left jab loses some of its effectiveness and Conteh's right hand and right eye assume an all-important role. Conteh said yesterday that three British promoters, Manny Goodall, Eddie Thomas and Micky Duff, are interested in putting on the world title bout estimated as a £250,000 enterprise in this country. Thomas can feel satisfied with his promotion at the Sobell Centre. Even though it lacked the charged atmosphere of Wembley, it was a more spacious and comfortable arena. It was three-quarters full, which means about 2,800 people.

Dave Green and Charlie Magri face a heavy fortnight from February 21 to March 7. Both are boxing at the Albert Hall and Wembley. Green, committed to meeting Zovek Barajas, of Mexico, this month, meets Clyde Gray of Canada, for the Commonwealth title next month. Jimmy Batten will also be at Wembley defending his light-middleweight totle against Tony Poole, of Kettering.

# April return for Frazier

New York, Feb 8.—The former world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, who retired on June 15, 1976 after a defeat by George Foreman, may be making a comeback as early as April against Scott Ledoux.

Final details for Frazier's return to the ring have not been worked out. But according to John Condon, boxing director of Madison Square Garden, Frazier wants a bit more money as well as a promised follow-up bout to the Ledoux match.

Frazier reportedly is asking $300,000 for his comeback effort, but is being offered $250,000. If negotiations can be worked out, the contest will be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium, but will be promoted by Madison Square Garden.

"It's a question of money," Mr Condon said. "Joe is actively pursuing the fight, but he wants $300,000 and assurance that there will be another fight." Frazier held the title from 1970 to 1973.—UPI.

Hockey

# Jeans fades into the crowd then strikes three times

By Sydney Friskin

Guildford 3 Oxford University 1

Alun Jeans, who plays for the Welsh hockey team, had a profitable afternoon at Guildford yesterday. He scored all three goals for the home side in their London League victory over Oxford University. One of the more distinctive features of Jeans's play is his mobility. He has deceptive pace which makes him difficult to locate and Oxford consequently lost him in the crowd.

Guildford are having a good season. They won the new year tournament in Barcelona and are in the quarter-final round of the national club championship. Their victory yesterday took them to second position in the London League table, one place above Southgate whom they meet on Saturday.

Oxford, although surpassed by their opponents in skill, gave a much improved performance probably because Wescott was back in the side. His speed and stickcraft sharpened their approach, even allowing for the fact that he leans more towards individual than combined play. There was much hard work in attack by Copus, some admirable defence by Wells and another splendid display of goalkeeping by Riddell. Oxford would have been in serious early bits from short corners by trouble if he had not stopped the Carley. Guildford worked assiduously for 22 minutes before they scored their first goal. Pinks, playing at centre-half, paved the way for Jeans to follow up and pick the ball off a defender's stick to score.

Oxford got back into the game in the 15th minute of the second half with Wescott converting a short corner. Guildford's anxiety was relieved nine minutes later when Jeans went through on his own to score, adding a third goal for good measure with some help from Burgess from a short corner.

GUILDFORD: R. Wright; I. Carley, N. Taylor, C. Basey, I. P. Pinks (captain), M. Perrin, G. Burgess, P. Pennock, A. Jeans, C. Cottrell, M. Peet.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *G. M. Riddell (Loretto and Queens); T. K. Gunn (Hitchin and St Peters), *M. Precious (Scarborough and Nuffield); *J. K. Bowerman (Epsom and Christ Church), R. S. Tanner (Hastings GS and Lincoln), *B. S. Wells (Colston's, Bristol and Wadham, captain), D. P. Banting (Rugby and Wycliffe Hall), *M. N. Copus (Manchester GS and Keble), S. K. Binning (Dulwich and New), *D. G. Wescott (Cranleigh and Brasenose), D. A. Kayum (Chatham and Lincoln) (sub, *A. P. Schweitzer, Charterhouse and Merton).
*A Blue

Umpires: R. Shepherd and D. M. Ramsay (Southern Counties).

Cambridge University drew 1—1 with Old Kingstonians. Western, from a penalty stroke, scored for Cambridge, Francis for Old Kingstonians. Both goals came in the first half.

Skiing

# Miss Pelen on top again after indifferent spell

Megève, France, Feb 8.—Perrine Pelen, a 17-year-old French girl, won a slalom event here today when the World Cup for alpine skiing was resumed. Miss Pelen led after the first leg and preserved her victory despite coming fourth in the second to win with a total time of one minute 24.35 seconds. Lea Sölkner, of Austria, the new world champion was second, 55 hundreths of a second behind, and Fabienne Serrat (France) third.

Miss Pelen burst on to the international scene last season with three world cup slalom victories, including the event here, and she began this season by winning the first slalom, at Cervinia. Then she went off the boil and like all her compatriots, failed to get among the leaders at the world championships in Garmisch-Partenkirchen last week. Today's triumph therefore, was a welcome success for her and for French skiing in general. She took the first leg by .37sec ahead of Miss Sölkner with Hanni Wenzel, of Leichtenstein, third.

Lise-Marie Morerod, of Switzerland, striving to find her best form, was fifth after the first run but set a cracking time for the second leg in 40.69sec. Miss Serrat and Miss Wenzel also broke the 41sec mark for the 410-metre course, but so did Miss Pelen to gain fourth place for the run and take overall victory. Miss Sölkner's second place was her best-ever slalom placing in the World Cup.

The race had little effect on the World Cup standings. Miss Wenzel who leads with 149 points, finished fourth but had already gained the maximum 75 points available in the slalom discipline. Miss Morerod also failed to increase her points total from 125 after finishing one place behind Miss Wenzel.

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, P. Pelen (France), 43.39 + 40.96 = 1min 24.35sec; 2, L. Sölkner (Austria), 43.76 + 41.14 = 1min 24.90sec; 3, F. Serrat (France), 44.41 + 40.76 = 1min 25.17sec; 4, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 44.53 + 40.88 = 1min 25.21sec; 5, L-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 44.55 + 40.69 = 1min 25.24sec; 6, M. Epple (WG), 44.58 + 41.45 = 1min 26.03sec.

WORLD CUP (to date): 1, H. Wenzel, 149 points; 2, L-M Morerod, 125; 3, A-M. Moser (Austria), 109; 4, F. Serrat, 85; 5, M. Epple, 83; 6, M. Kaserer (Austria), 76.—Agencies.

# Latest European snow reports

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5 pm) — | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Courmayeur | 150 | 280 | Good | Powder | — | Fine | -4 |
| Wind crust in exposed areas | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 170 | 260 | Good | Powder | — | Snowing | — |
| Most runs still open | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbühel | 50 | 105 | Fair | Powder | Fair | Fair | -3 |
| Most runs good but some worn | | | | | | | |
| Lermoos | 75 | 195 | Good | Varied | Good | Snowing | -3 |
| Some bare patches | | | | | | | |
| Saas-Fee | 100 | 215 | Good | Varied | Good | Fine | -10 |
| Powder in sheltered areas | | | | | | | |
| Sauze d'Oulx | 75 | 143 | Good | Varied | Good | Fine | -2 |
| Hard-packed piste, some powder | | | | | | | |
| Seefeld | 60 | 100 | Good | Powder | Good | Cloud | -2 |
| Some stones and ice at top | | | | | | | |
| Val d'Isère | 200 | 380 | Good | Powder | Good | Fine | -7 |
| Perfect skiing conditions | | | | | | | |
| Verbier | 120 | 230 | Good | Powder | Good | Fine | — |
| All runs open, superb skiing | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 90 | 150 | Good | Powder | Good | Snowing | -5 |
| Splendid skiing off piste | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | State of Piste | Weather | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AUSTRIA | | | | | |
| Alpbach | 30 | 70 | Good | — | -6 |
| Axamer-Lizum | — | 95 | Good | — | -7 |
| Badgastein | 20 | 45 | Good | — | -7 |
| Berwang | 120 | 160 | Good | — | -5 |
| Brand | 70 | 230 | Good | — | -5 |
| Gargellen | 130 | 180 | Good | — | -11 |
| Hochsölden | 50 | 130 | Good | — | -12 |
| Ischgl | 96 | 160 | Good | — | -7 |
| Lech | 160 | 250 | Good | — | -9 |
| Mayrhofen | 10 | 100 | Good | — | -8 |
| Mitterndorf | 90 | 180 | Good | — | -10 |
| Obergurgl | 90 | 210 | Good | — | -20 |
| Saalbach | 60 | 120 | Good | — | -7 |
| Schruns | 20 | 250 | Good | — | -11 |
| Serfaus | 45 | 105 | Good | — | -10 |
| Wildschonau | 50 | 90 | Good | — | -4 |
| Zürs | 185 | 250 | Good | — | -9 |
| FRANCE | | | | | |
| Alpe d'Huez | 310 | 600 | Good | Snow | — |
| Chamonix | 100 | 400 | Good | Snow | — |
| Courchevel | 95 | 235 | Good | Cloud | — |
| La Clusaz | 135 | 260 | Good | Snow | — |
| Le Corbier | 160 | 300 | Good | Cloud | — |
| Les Arcs | 130 | 225 | Good | Snow | — |
| L. Deux Alpes | 250 | 730 | Good | Snow | — |
| Les Gets | 180 | 250 | Good | Snow | — |
| Les Menuires | 170 | 280 | Good | Snow | — |
| Megève | 300 | 390 | Good | Snow | — |
| Méribel | 170 | 210 | Good | Snow | — |
| Morzine | 100 | 150 | Good | Snow | — |
| Pra-Loup | 100 | 210 | Good | Sun | — |
| St Gervais | 100 | 270 | Good | Cloud | — |

# Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

## Warmth is where you find it

The three factors which make for general warmth are all getting more and more expensive, so when the meteorologists warn, most people have to take a conscious decision on how to dispose of their disposable income. Leaving aside the roof over one's head, fuel is the next biggest item in most survival budgets. Not only pricey, fuel is on the endangered species list too—save it, or the next generation will not have any. Gouge it out of the Vale of Belvoir and you hand down a legacy of countryside spoilage which a lot of cosy backsides now will not be seen by posterity to have been worthwhile.

The remaining two ways of keeping warm, food and clothing, offer the same fashionable image; layers. Without doubt the designers who count think that women ought to be larger in order to be admired now. Large women have always been status symbols in countries where food is scarce, they have been symbols of confidence in times of social turmoil, symbols of authority in many societies and now they are just jolly well going to be more snug than the skinnies when the gas bill comes in. Layers of flesh, or layers of clothes? The overcoat has been demolished by the ever changing length of skirt in the past five years. It constituted the most expensive item in most women's wardobes and was thus the most vulnerable to obsolescence. In its place came the poncho, the shawl, the scarf, the rug, the heavy cardigan, and endless combinations of all and sundry.

The other interesting point about clothes for survival is that so many of them have been adapted into high fashion and now High Street fashion. This winter, mittens, designed to make firing a gun or operating in the Arctic temperature feasible are the most popular fashion item for smart girls with nothing more to dig for than their bus fare. No need to rehearse the hardships which bred the Balaclava. Anoraks are part of any child's wardrobe, but they come from the exigencies of snow and ice. One of the very few major changes in men's clothes in the past century has been the acceptance of the "bomber" jacket. Far more practical for sedentary twentieth century males in their office chairs, cars, commuter trains and country bikes than the long skirted coat of the gentleman. Even some smart boys' schools now advocate the blouson.

Those woolly hats which pull down over the ears were a feature of Yves St Laurent's collection three years ago. Watch the rerun of *Guns of Navarone* and you see where the idea came from. On the oil rigs they apparently wear Damart undies.

Finally, quilting. Quilting and padding have been for centuries the way that those who could not afford thick expensive materials kept warm. Two winters ago, London was filled with quilted cotton jackets, and this winter the material is still top fashion—as a waistcoat.

Layered dressing is not without its hazards, however. On February 1 the *Daily Mail* recounted the poignant tale of a young man called Romeo Paco Vila. This gent, finding himself too slim to meet the tastes of the great British holiday-making public in Palma (well, if women are going to be bigger, why not men?), donned a shirt and then nine sweaters in order to measure up to the ideal of husky manhood. What, of course, happened, since he was based in Majorca and not Aberdeen, was that the combination of temperature and exercise made him sweat off even more from his skinny frame. Then, more sweaters, and eventually collapse upon the disco floor.

Which only goes to prove that fashion should not be taken too far from its original intention.










Is necessity the origin of the fashionable layered look? Edward Bell has been investigating some perhaps unlikely sources of style in keeping warm.

Top left: "Tom and Pete do not feel the cold; their father had a stall in the Roman Road before them and they have been brought up to work in all weithers. No gloves, but like many stall holders they find a cardboard carpet keeps the cold from their feet."

Fifty years ago the cardboard carpet would have been clogs, or earlier still, wooden pattens. On the left note the polo necked sweater worn under a shirt with the sleeves rolled back, natty bow tied scarf and fairisle sweater.

Aboveleft: Firemen's clothing for leisure: yellow, canvas-backed PVC leggings, red nylon anorak with hood, worn over two jackets (one of leather) two jumpers, a track suit. Hands are protected by leather gloves worn over mittens, feet with Damart Thermolactyl socks.

Top right: Further evidence of layer-dressing: a newspaper seller in Great Windmill Street wears a suit, traditional overcoat, nylon overtrousers and an anorak. His head is kept warm by a knitted hat of the sort worn by paratroopers, and by a beard and long hair. In summer he is clean shaven and neatly barbered.

Above right: Smallest example of the layered look. Four-and-a-half-month-old baby in a deep knitted woolly hat of the shape made into high fashion by Yves St Laurent, a hooded synthetic deep pile jacket of the style once favoured by Arctic explorers. He is enveloped in a zip-front nylon survival wrap, and had no comments to make. All available from Mothercare, 461, Oxford Street, W1.

**Where to find warmth.**

Fingerless mittens: Miss Selfridge.
Fingerless gloves: £1.30 at Millets Western, 89 Oxford Street, London, W1, and other branches.
Woollen and other natural fibre underwear: by Chilprufe, from Selfridges, Harrods and major provincial stores.
Donkey jackets: £11.75 from Milletts Western.
Synthetic fibre underwear, reputed to be warmer than wool: long johns and vests etc from Damart Thermsware (Bradford) Ltd, 263 Regent St, London, W1.
Pram covers, babies clothes, pixie hats: Mothercare, 461 Oxford Street and other branches.
High fashion quilted waistcoats and jackets: from £12 at Monsoon, 53 Beauchamp Place, London, SW.
Emma Darby has just finished the final word on keeping warm; a patchwork quilt, worked in log cabin style, in printed silks, cottons and velvets. Price £200, further details from Clerkenwell Workshops, 01-253 6101.

Below: The ultimate way of keeping warm—and the earliest, fur. One of the plusses of a more conservationist society has been in the design of furs. So many people now feel that wearing skins which have been obtained other than by ranching or by humane methods which do not endanger rare species is wrong that the number of appropriate furs has been greatly limited. Turning this sense to a positive advantage over several years now, the Scandinavian fur association, Saga, has promoted a student competition which has produced some of the most successful designers in fashion today; Bruce Oldfield is the highlight of these winners, but Saga has also commissioned collections from Yuki; last week the student entries for 1977 were shown in toile form at the Seminar for the German Furrier Association at Frankfurt.



The British Saga organization took over Gidon Lippman, head of fashion at the continuously excellent Harrow School of Art, and Richard Nott, Fashion Tutor at Kingston Polytechnic; Kingston and Harrow have proved so regularly the tops in the Saga annual competition that it has been restricted to these two colleges for a while. Most interesting aspect of the visit was that 700-plus retail furriers came to the seminar, discussed techniques and problems, and then applauded the British contingent as way ahead in styling and ideas.

The picture shows one of the award winners which marries current style—deep armholes for full sleeves, mid-calf length which goes over any other length—and detailed work. By Laura Andrews of Kingston Polytechnic, made by Bianca Furs, 29 Kendal Street, W.1.

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Court of Appeal

# Limitation: judges' discretion unfettered

**Firman v Ellis**
**Down v Harvey**
**Same v Same**
**Pheasant and Others v S. T. H. Smith (Tyres) Ltd and Another**

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane

By the Limitation Act, 1975, Parliament has conferred on the courts an unfettered discretion to extend the three-year period of limitation for actions for personal injuries laid down in the Limitation Act, 1939. Lord Denning described the granting of that discretion as a revolutionary step, and Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane considered that there was no way of reading the new section 2D of the 1975 Act as restricted to residual or unusual cases.

The Court of Appeal dismissed four appeals by defendants to actions for damages for personal injuries alleged to be due to their negligent driving of motor cars where, through a slip or forgetfulness in solicitors' offices, the writ was not served within the normal limitation periods allowed under the 1939 Act. The appeals were from decisions of Mr Justice Kerr (*The Times*, July 8, 1977), Mr Justice Talbot, Mr Justice Lawson and Mr Justice Cusack, who had, in hearings in chambers after the new Act came into force, ordered that the plaintiffs' claims could proceed.

Section 2D provides: "(1) If it appears to the court that it would be equitable to allow an action to proceed having regard to the degree to which—(a) the provisions of section 2A or 2B of this Act prejudice the plaintiff or any person whom he represents, and (b) any decision of the court under this subsection would prejudice the defendant or any person whom he represents, the court may direct that those provisions shall not apply to the action, or shall not apply to any specified cause of action to which the action relates. (2) The court shall not under this section disapply section 2B(2) except where the reason why the person injured could no longer maintain an action was because of the time limit in section 2A. . . . (3) In acting under this section the court shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case and in particular to" six specified circumstances.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the first three appeals had common features. In each case the plaintiff had suffered personal injury. He instructed solicitors at once. His solicitors made a claim against the defendant, who passed it on to the insurers. The insurers did not dispute liability. There were negotiations for a settlement; but the extent of the plaintiff's injuries could not be ascertained for some time. So the plaintiff's solicitors issued a protective writ and told the insurers they had done so. That was all during the negotiations.

Unfortunately, however, by a slip they forgot to serve the writ within the one year allowed by the rules; and when they applied to renew it they were out of time. The three years had expired and the renewal was not allowed. So the action was, under the old law, statute-barred. Now that old law was gone. We had the new Limitation Act, 1975. In each case the plaintiff's solicitors issued a new writ and sought to override the time limit, asking the judge in chambers (Mr Justice Kerr, Mr Justice Talbot and Mr Justice Lawson) to exercise his discretion under the new Act; and in each case the judge allowed the extension. The defendants appealed.

Throughout the years there had been a strong body of opinion in favour of giving the court a general discretion to override the statutory time limit. The proposal was that the three-year limitation should be retained but that the court should have an unfettered discretion to extend it. That proposal was rejected by committees in 1936, 1962 and 1974, the reason being that if an unfettered discretion were given to judges it would lead to too much uncertainty. But the 1974 committee under Lord Justice Orr did recommend that the courts should have a discretion in some "exceptional cases" to extend the time. It described those cases as a "residual class of case" and the discretion as a "residual discretionary power". The committee appeared to have had in mind cases where the plaintiff knew the facts—for instance, that he had suffered an injury or contracted a disease due to his work—but did not know that he had a legal cause of action against his employers on account of it. Apart from those exceptional cases, the committee thought that the three-year limitation should continue, a view echoed by Mr Justice Griffiths in *Finch v Frances* (unreported, July 21, 1977). As he had been a member of Lord Justice Orr's committee his views were of special weight: he had said that a straightforward running-down case was not of an unusual nature and section 2D should be applied only to unusual cases.

Nevertheless the 1975 Act did give the court a general discretion. Section 2D was not limited to "exceptional cases" or a "residual class of case". It gave a discretion to extend the time in all cases where the three-year limitation had expired before the issue of the writ.

It retained three years as the normal period of limitation but conferred on the court an unfettered discretion to extend that period in any case in which it considered it equitable to do so.

The granting of that discretion was a revolutionary step. It altered the courts' whole approach to time bars. His Lordship did not regard it as a retrograde step. In former times it was thought that judges should not be given discretionary powers because it would lead to too much uncertainty. Those days were past. In statute after statute, Parliament had given powers to the judges and entrusted them with a discretion as to the manner in which those powers should be exercised.

The value of that wide discretion was shown by the present cases. They all arose out of circumstances which the various committees did not have in mind. In each of the three cases there had been negotiations for a settlement, but the plaintiff's solicitors, by the merest slip, allowed time to run out and did not renew the writ in time. That slip did not prejudice the defendant or his insurers in the least. Yet as soon as the defendant's insurers discovered it, they cried "Snap" and broke off the negotiations, telling the plaintiff that he was statute-barred and that he should sue his own solicitors for negligence and "let those insurers pay". All the judges rejected that submission and rightly exercised their discretion in favour of the plaintiff. As a matter of simple justice, the defendant's insurers should pay the plaintiff's claim. They had received premiums to cover the risk of the accidents. They should not be allowed to foist their liability on to the plaintiff's solicitors or their insurers as if it were a game of cards.

In the fourth appeal the plaintiffs were injured on July 10, 1970, by a car driven by a Mr Carver. He wished to join as defendants a company which he claimed had negligently repaired his tyres. It was obviously advisable for the plaintiffs to add the company as defendants; a summons was taken out, returnable on June 6, 1973; but by a clerk's mistake the plaintiffs' solicitors did not keep the appointment on that date, and when he applied on July 11, 1973, the day after the three years had run out the registrar set aside the joinder. Mr Justice Rees confirmed that order. But when the 1975 Act came into operation the plaintiffs' solicitors issued a fresh writ against the company.

The company pleaded the Limitation Act and also *res judicata* and issue estoppel. Mr Justice Cusack overrode the time bar on that issue: and the company now appealed.

That raised a point on section 3 of the 1975 Act which made it retrospective; it applied to causes of action which accrued before the Act came into force and to actions still pending at its commencement. It did not, however, apply once "a final order or judgment has been made or given therein".

It was admitted that the judge's order was a "final order or judgment" within section 3, but as the law stood when it was made it finally disposed of the plaintiffs' cause of action against the company. So the company claimed that the subject matter of the order of Mr Justice Rees was *res judicata*.

In his Lordship's view the registrar's order of July 11, 1973, was a nullity and void ab initio. It followed that in law no action had been "commenced" against the company; so section 3 with its retrospective effect applied to enable the plaintiffs in the fourth appeal to bring an action against the company provided they could persuade the court to exercise its discretion to override the time limit.

The discretion should clearly be exercised in favour of the plaintiffs, since the clerk's error was just bad luck and was not discovered until July 11. The insurers calling "Snap" and invoking the 1939 Limitation Act was all very well before the 1975 Act, but now that the court had a discretion it was a proper case for exercising it.

There had been much discussion on whether in exercising discretion the court should have regard to the plaintiff's remedy against his own solicitor. In *Birkett v James* ([1977] 3 WLR 38) Lord Diplock thought that it was not a relevant consideration while Lord Salmon thought that it might have some weight. But those cases were different.

Under the 1975 Act his Lordship thought the negligence of the plaintiff's solicitor and a remedy against him was an admissible consideration. It was one of "the circumstances of the case" and one of "the reasons for the delay". It might tip the scale where the defendant had been substantially prejudiced by the delay. His Lordship also thought the words "the plaintiff" in section 2D(3) included his solicitor or agent except where the context confined it to the plaintiff personally.

As to the procedure under section 2D, some people thought that "the court" in subsection (2) meant the court which tried the case. His Lordship thought that it meant a judge of the High Court or of the county court; a judge in chambers; or a judge hearing an application as a preliminary issue; but not a master in the High Court or a registrar in the county court.

The appeals should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, concurring in the result, said that the appellants had no merits at all; they were simply attempting to take advantage of formal procedural mistakes by the plaintiff's solicitors (which had caused them no inconvenience, let alone any prejudice) to transfer liability for the plaintiff's claims from the defendant's insurers to the insurers of the plaintiff's solicitors.

The language of section 2D was quite clear. Having laid down the norm—three years—it then gave the court the widest discretion to adapt the norm to the circumstances of any case in which it would work inequitably. It was impossible to construe the word "equitable" narrowly or liberally. It was either equitable or inequitable to "disapply" the fixed time limit to any given set of circumstances. The appellants argued that section 2D should be confined to "exceptional cases".

Parliament had now decided that uncertain justice was preferable to certain justice, or that certainty could be bought at too high a price, as the four cases demonstrated. If insurance companies through their customers chose to take wholly unmeritorious technical points to avoid liability, they could not complain if ultimately their ability to take them was severely restricted. The Act should be applied as it stood and their Lordships should be careful not to impose judicial fetters on a valuable new discretionary power.

In the fourth appeal the submission for the company was that the plaintiffs were stopped from invoking section 2D either because it was *res judicata* or because they had "commenced an action" against the company in 1974 which had been disposed of by a "final order".

The events of 1974 were unusual and demonstrated the formalistic way in which the Limitation Acts could operate before the latest reform. In his Lordship's view the order and the amended writ were void in the sense that the appellants were entitled *ex debito justitiae* to have both of them set aside. It was essentially a case of non-service. In those circumstances the plaintiffs could not be said to have "commenced an action" because the whole proceedings were void ab initio and there was no *res* which could found an estoppel.

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE, concurring, said that the issue common to all the appeals was: Did the provisions of the 1975 Act apply to every type of action involving a claim for damages for personal injury, including a simple claim in negligence, or did they apply only in cases "out of the usual run" or to "difficult cases"? Section 2D gave the court as wide a discretion as could be imagined.

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Ormrod on the fourth appeal.

Leave to appeal was refused.


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THE ARTS

# The short Long trail to cinema success



Rod Taylor faces a challenge in The Picture Show Man

Close on the heels of the Australian film *Caddie*, released here recently to such appreciative reviews, another film from Down Under, *The Picture Show Man*, was shown at the London Film Festival. The two have more in common than their country of origin. Both were written by an earnest, friendly and very realistic mother of four, Joan Long, who says that had she been a man and not lost 10 years of her career through child-raising, she would now be 39.

Ms Long, as she would probably like to be addressed, is now determined to make up for those years, and observers of the Australian film scene are predicting that she will soon add directing to her feature film repertoire which already includes production. For Ms Long is among those most responsible for the present renascence in the Australian cinema.

Some pretty terrible films have been made in Australia—the sort of thing you might have sat through as a B movie in 1948 before everyone had television. Exiled Australian film fans still enjoy them monthly in the basement cinema in Australia House. But lately a degree of sophistication has been creeping in.

One reason according to Ms Long is that Australia has a new, inner-directed vitality. "My generation definitely looked to England as their goal, left for London as soon as possible, and stayed on here if they possibly could. Now they pass through on a three-week tour of the Continent and go home. If they are going to move anywhere they will go to the States."

Ms Long herself has just come back from her first real visit to America with a heightened appreciation of the power of the dollar which she feels will permeate all her future work. "Although I had seen American films all my life I had never had any real idea of the Americans as people", she says. "In films, unlike plays, you can't confine your writing to your own country. You have to learn to communicate with people all over the world. America is after all the most lucrative market—I don't know whether this will make my films better, but it will change them."

Ms Long's American triumph was to sell them *The Picture Show Man*. Critics who saw it were very enthusiastic. One of them put it on his list of 1977's 10 best films, which is encouraging for a family picture which cost less than $1m US and had an Australian subject, crew and cast, including the picture show man himself John Meillion, who perfected his trade and his accent in Britain in the Sixties.

Meillion, who came here with Fred Zimmerman's *The Sundowners*, has a hint of W. C. Fields and a marvellous theatrical voice which does a great deal to give the film its charm. Another box-office help, no doubt, will be the Australian-born Rod Taylor, who despite his years in Hollywood, plays a rather unconvincing American.

There remains the film's title. It was to have been called *Pym's Travelling Pictures*, having been based on a slender autobiography offered by picture show man Lyle Penn to Ms Long when she was directing documentary films about the history of the Australian cinema. The methodical Ms Long said it would take her three years to get round to it, but she thought there might be a feature film in the story. Three years to the day she started to write, and with poignant timing Lyle Penn died this month shortly after giving it his seal of approval.

Under its new title the film has been confused in the States with Peter Bogdanovich's *The Last Picture Show*, which irritates Ms Long, but hasn't harmed business. For the similarity to Bogdanovich's work does not stop at the title, and Americans who hared his *Nickelodeon* are saying this film is everything the earlier one ought to have been.

The fact is Ms Long has gone a long way to give substance to one Australian dream, which is to have something to say in the international field of cinema while not deserting its own heritage. With only 13 million inhabitants the industry cannot hope to make any ambitious movie and recoup its finance solely on the domestic market. It is of course an extreme version of the problem which faces the British industry.

But Ms Long seems to have demonstrated several things about Australia at a time when the cinema as a whole is looking around for new life and new funds. First the willingness, reliability and taste of the government-backed Australian Film Commission, who will come up with as much as 50 per cent of the investment in a property. This offers maximum security to private investors, particularly in view of the new ruling whereby the latter get their investment back first.

Secondly, the unexplored natural resources of the country, from technical expertise to the versatility of the land itself. Ms Long runs her production company from a house in an isolated bush gully only eight miles from the centre of Sydney. "When I was in Connecticut recently", she says, "I appreciated the beauty of the countryside which was like a picture postcard. But I yearned for the Australian bush full of rocks and dead leaves and fallen branches and ragged trees."

And thirdly the tenacity of Australian women. Hitherto, says Ms Long, the country has been as male chauvinist as any in the world, and female militancy in the film industry is such that there is a Women's Film Festival held in Sydney which is apt to eliminate an entry if there has been one single significant man on the crew. "They practically won't allow men in the audience" she says.

The New York Women's Film Festival, by comparison, is a very broad-minded affair, and having seen *Caddie* in Cannes in 1976 the organizers were very anxious to screen it at their own function. The request was vetoed, against the wishes of Ms Long, by its American distributing agent who thought women's lib would give the film a bad name. "I always saw as the central concept of *Caddie* a woman alone in society", says the writer. "I have been married for nearly 24 years, but even among married people the cosseted woman hardly exists these days. If I was a young woman I know I would be carrying a banner and manning the barricades. I wouldn't want my daughter to lose most of her active life to children." Ms Long's daughter played Mick Jagger's younger sister in *Ned Kelly*. "At my age", says her mother, "there is only so much time and energy left, and I prefer to put my experiences as a woman into creative work."

Even that aim requires a certain militancy. Ms Long started full-time work again because she knew she was being exploited as a free-lance scriptwriter working at home, while her journalist husband went out to work. "I knew they were bringing in equal pay for teachers", she says, "so I went for an interview and they sent me off to the leading girls' high school in Sydney." When a vacancy occurred she rejoined her former employers, Film Australia, and her very last pay cheque there was the very first equal pay cheque in the whole of her working life.

"The Labour government brought in equal pay in theory by graduated steps some years ago", she says. "I suppose they thought we would faint away and spend it all in one shop. It still doesn't mean you get it. First you have to get the job of some status to merit the pay-cheque."

**Glenys Roberts**

# No time for carping

**The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin**
Mayfair

**Irving Wardle**

Trailing four awards and a record-breaking tour, Steve J. Spears's monocomedy may not be the great Australian play we have been waiting for, but it is certainly the occasion for a blissfully happy marriage between a performer and his material. We are fortunate to have lured Gordon Chater to the West End, and I shall be surprised if Mayfair audiences do not close around him with a grip of iron.

First appearing as a hefty nude enjoying his morning fantasy before a poster of Mick Jagger, Mr Chater plays a Sydney elocution teacher who keeps his working and private life strictly apart. When, as often happens, the phone rings, he answers it in a voice of golden purity that conjures up the stately Palladian outlines of the Shakespeare School of Speech and Drama (emblazoned on the window of Larry Eastwood's crimson boudoir set).

Left to himself, he converses amiably with a bust of Shakespeare (discreetly turning its face to the wall whenever there is a fantasy coming on), wafts through in bath-towels and female attire, and enjoys intimate little evenings, awash in ostrich plumes, with his no less glamorous friend Bruce, a stockbroker.

It is in the course of "servicing the hard and soft palates of half Sydney" that he takes on young Benjamin: a beautiful and sexually precocious 12-year-old, who turns his teacher's head, supplies him with pornographic photographs, and otherwise paves the way for a raid on the premises by the police who find Mr Chater in full drag, Wagnerian blond wig, puffing on a cigar, and blasting the daylight out of his hated cuckoo clock with a shotgun. When we next see him, it is in confinement in a mental hospital eight years later.

The brief second act, in which we observe Mr Chater pathetically entertaining hopes of release, and undergoing the convulsions of love, despair and madness before swallowing an overdose of Mandrax, is too much even for this actor. Perhaps Australian philistinism and prudery ("Straights hate") would destroy a harmless and pathetic old deviate like this: but that is not what the character is about, and it is too late to wrench him so brusquely off the comic rails.

On its own terms, the first act cannot be faulted. I have never seen the telephone put to better use, nor the use of new costumes instead of new characters. The *tête-à-tête* and lesson scenes (sensibly spotlit in Richard Wherrett's production) need no second characters as Mr Chater plays an unstoppable chatterbox, and anyway most of his pupils have speech defects. And the well articulated episodes enable him to build a character in the round, showing his friendships, his fantasies, his tactics as a teacher.

It is not, however, a portrait in depth. Under all his masks and joke voices, the character is a standard middle-aged queen. Also Mr Spears ducks the crucial issue by making him "strictly a fantasy man". Any hopes of a male counterpart to *Lolita*, with the Nabakovian moral that sexy 12-year-olds ought not to go around seducing helpless middle-aged gentlemen, are thus dashed, as there is no prospect of Mr Chater fondling more than a photograph.

As the actor happens to be Mr Chater, this is no occasion for carping. However well-worn the stereotype, it is a joy to watch him collecting laughs by playing through the gags at high speed, solacing unwanted pupils with honeyed insincerity, turning the air blue with marvellously timed off-stage oaths, refighting the battle of the Alamo in sateen knickers and bra (which he puts on feet first), dispatching Chaucer's pilgrims to the tomb of Howard Hughes, and striding manfully over to the shutters with the glad cry, "Good morning, Sydney. I see you've got another great day planned for me". Tony Hancock could not have improved on that.

# Hemsley on Gianni Schicchi

An evocation of the eighth circle of hell is an improbable source for one of the world's most piquant comic operas; but in Canto XXX of Dante's *Inferno* you will find the story of Gianni Schicchi, impersonator extraordinary, whom the Donati family call in to re-live old Donati's last hours and draft a more generous will. As it happens, Schicchi outwits them all with a mixture of grace and guile which would have made even Volpone stare. But is he a madcap sprite or a hell-hound rabidly biting? Dante's translators are at odds on the issue, a point I put to Thomas Hemsley who sings the role in Colin Graham's new production of Schicchi at the Coliseum.

"To be honest, I think he's both! The text certainly gives us a vivid sense of the disdain Schicchi feels for all those greedy, grasping citizens. That's the hell-hound. On the other hand, he really does enjoy gulling them; so there's the sprite."

Thomas Hemsley began his operatic career in dazzling company in Bernard Miles's famous Mermaid Theatre production of *Dido and Aeneas* with Kirsten Flagstad and Maggie Teyte.

"I went to Germany—not a very usual thing to do in those days—to learn the trade in Aachen. Even in 1953 there was a very positive feel about the need to re-establish traditions after the war. I found that very stimulating—both the positive atmosphere and the feeling of being part of a tradition. I think there's a lot to be said for stability; and in those days you didn't have singers jetting in and out for odd performances. Sawallisch was the musical director and Wilhelm Pitz was chorus master. Pitz took enormous trouble over the younger singers. He started there as a violinist and was very proud of the musical style which Fritz Busch, and then Karajan, had established in Aachen before the war."

Hemsley sang the principal lyric baritone roles from the start—Figaro, Guglielmo and, in his first season, Rigoletto. "In those days Rigoletto was thought of very much as a role for the lyric baritone, though nowadays it's usually given to an Amonasro or an Iago, who can do the Vendetta marvellously but can't always manage the duets with his daughter! Isn't it fascinating, though, to observe how taste in vocal colour changes over the years? If you listen to some of the famous Verdi baritones of the past, Battistini, for instance, or even de Luca, who is really my baritone idol and who sang the first Gianni Schicchi, the sound is much more brilliant than we're used to now; closer to what they used, rather charmingly, to call 'short tenor'."

If de Luca was the first Gianni Schicchi can it really be the kind of *buffo* romp it's sometimes said to be? "I think it's far from being a *buffo* romp! I'm quite pleased that I haven't seen the opera on the stage, because, looking at the score, there's no doubt in my mind that this is high comedy in the style of great ensemble operas like *Falstaff* and *Die Meistersinger*. Like all great comedy, it's a very serious work artistically. Puccini's sense of comedy is beautifully imagined and very, very precisely embodied in the score; which means you can't impose upon it very far without damaging it. In fact, the comedy is often, of a very sophisticated, semantic kind—which makes me sorry that I haven't had the chance to prepare the role in Italian first."

Like *Il tabarro*, the score of *Gianni Schicchi* carries precise ages for nearly all the characters. Schicchi is 50, a fact which has not escaped Thomas Hemsley, who was born in Leicestershire in 1927.

**Richard Osborne**



Thomas Hemsley

# London debuts

**Barry Millington**

If Joy Bogen's Wigmore Hall recital belongs in the London debut column at all, it is only in the literal sense, for she is an accomplished soprano and has already, especially in the United States, something of a reputation. She began bodly with an aria from J. C. Bach's *Amadis des Gaules*, not baulking at its cadential high C. After a heartsearching account of Donizetti's tragic song "La mère et l'enfant", Miss Bogen showed that she was able to lighten her voice for two songs in more playful mood by Gluck. A fine scena and aria from Bellini's *Il pirata* was given with feeling, but it also brought to prominence a deficiency in tone control by which loud notes emerge unprepared, and which Miss Bogen needs to remedy if she is to make the most of her wide range and powerful voice.

It may not have been the custom of Strauss and his wife to perform whole sets of Lieder at a time, but it can be made to work well. Miss Bogen gave strongly characterized readings of the six in Op 56, and her accompanist Stewart Nash coped ably with such intricacies as the whirling demi-semiquavers of "Fruhlingsfeier". If "Die heiligen drei Königen" conveyed little of the mystery or weariness of the three kings' mission, that was almost inevitable without the aid of Strauss's orchestral accompaniment.

Our gratitude is due to Miss Bogen for presenting three unfamiliar Kurt Weill songs. A first London performance was claimed for them, and certainly *Der Silbersee* was completely unknown until the Holland Festival performance several years back. Miss Bogen caught the Weill idiom nicely, with its casual arrogance, dropping easily into semi-speech. Much as I disapprove of encores in principle, I stayed hoping for more Weill; it was a bonus for Strausssians, however.

Hüseyin Sermet's programme for his piano recital the following evening might have been designed to show that he, too, had great ambitions: four substantial works, among them Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and Ravel's *Gaspard de la nuit*. There were times in the Mussorgsky when Mr Sermet's forthright playing seemed unduly aggressive, and a tendency to be strident in the more extrovert passages of Schumann's *Papillons* confirmed that he had misjudged the intimate acoustic of the Wigmore Hall. This aside, both *Papillons* and *Pictures* received commanding performances with every attention paid to incidental detail. After the interval Mr Sermet made the necessary adjustment and the percussive features of Bartók's suite *Out of Doors* (even in the furious galloping of the final *Chase*) were projected powerfully yet without the former suggestion of brutality.

Two of the four artists sharing the South East Arts Young Musicians' Platform at the Wigmore Hall were giving their London debut: the soprano Helen Walker and the flautist Paul Edmund Davies. Miss Walker has an attractive voice which she used with style in Liszt's *Three Petrarch Sonnets* and Handel's "Mio caro bene". Once settled in a phrase she endowed it with her own musical personality, but often the inception of the phrase itself was the sticking-point: Schubert's "Wanderers Nachtlied" suffered most in this respect, and neither singer nor accompanist John Alley seemed quite able to sustain the broad tempo chosen. Again, in the same composer's "Die Forelle," neither had the necessary flexibility to colour individual words or phrases; otherwise the short programme gave evidence of much promise.

Paul Edmund Davies's performance of Prokofiev's Flute Sonata in D major was an object lesson in the moulding of phrases. Both he and his accompanist Richard Balcombe were admirable at this and in their subtle gradations of tone, while the technical problems of the work seemed not to worry them in the slightest.

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**RPO/Dutoit**
Festival Hall

**Joan Chissell**

All praise to Charles Dutoit for eschewing a conventional overture on Tuesday in favour of Stravinsky's *Symphonies of Wind Instruments*, neatly if not hauntingly played by a section of the RPO.

Since it was written in homage to Debussy, Mr Dutoit returned to France after the interval for Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*. There was much to enjoy in the lilt of the Valse, in the nuances of the visit to the country, in the unhurried, inexorable rhythm of the March to the Scaffold, and in the variety of instrumental colour in the concluding Witches' Sabbath. Yet it was not the kind of performance that remains in the memory. Mr Dutoit lithely reproduced the score, rather than recreating it in all its true intensity and strangeness.

One of this symphony's most generous early champions was Schumann, represented by his piano concerto. The soloist, Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, first played it when aged 14 so we were told, and it still remains his favourite concerto.

Schumann wrote it for his pianist wife, and many eminent ladies have laid claim to it ever since, including Mr Bishop-Kovacevich's own teacher, Myra Hess. He himself was nevertheless determined that it should not sound ladylike. True, he was tender with the first movement's plaintive A minor theme and yielding in all its lyrical ruminations. But at the slightest rise of temperature he plunged into the fray with near impatient ardour and uncommonly robust tone, even sacrificing refinement in the cadenza and coda in his excitement. He refused to prettify the slow movement's *grazioso* opening theme, and in the finale went all out for the *allegro vivace* instead of taking account of the cautious metronome marking. It was certainly exhilarating. But should Schumann sound as inflammable as Tchaikovsky?

**Sylvia Rosenberg**
Wigmore Hall

**Barry Millington**

In the first of her three Wigmore Hall recitals devoted to the music of Schubert and Bartok, the American violinist Sylvia Rosenberg was accompanied on Tuesday by her fellow-countryman Craig Sheppard. The two works in the first half of their programme called for quite different approaches to ensemble playing. A fairly prominent role is given to the piano in Schubert's Sonatina in G minor, D408, and the two players gave and took as though they had been partnering each other for years.

Bartok's violin sonata No 1, on the other hand, allows little in common between violin and piano, save the number of bars; that is to say, the choral configurations and rhythmic patterns of each part are not only similar but often actually in opposition to one another, while their thematic material is independent to an extreme degree. Consequently there is a formidable difficulty in communication for the performers in this work; Sylvia Rosenberg and Craig Sheppard tackled it, successfully, by tuning their responses to the music so that even if their motion was in parallel lines it was at least in the same direction.

An easier work, at least from the audience's point of view, is Bartok's Rhapsody No 1, where the formal conventionality of the two Magyar movements, "Lassu" and "Friss", is marched by more readily apprehended melodic and harmonic material. Both performers were totally in command here; without the risk of the complacency that sometimes springs from complete security.

For Schubert's Adagio and Rondo in A major, D438, Miss Rosenberg was joined by the Aiberni String Quartet, augmented by double bass. The carefree mood of the Rondo, caught admirably by the players, was just what was needed to balance the austerities of the earlier Bartok sonata.

**Colin Tilney**
Purcell Room

**Thomas Walker**

An engaging argument, perhaps even a hidden polemic, lay behind Colin Tilney's harpsichord recital on Tuesday at the Purcell Room. Mr Tilney expressed it most directly in his programme note, pleading with passion, eloquence and wit for the flexibility of eighteenth-century Italian instruments and in particular their suitability for the sonatas of Domenico Scarlatti.

Whether or not a modern performance of Scarlatti on Italian harpsichords is as rare as he implied, the instrument which he chose yielded in all its simplicity sounds and effects unmatched by the wildest Technicolor of, say, a George Malcolm.

The original, copied by Clayson Garrer, was made by Vincenzio Sodi at Florence in 1782, and has a single manual with two eight-foot stops, as is standard. It, or at any rate its copy, has a rich, buzzing bass of electrifying impact, a crisp, clean middle range and a slightly thin top, which occasionally did less than full justice to Scarlatti's higher flying lines.

I was surprised at the rather middle-of-the-road character of the seven sonatas which Mr Tilney played. Although some were technically very challenging, they were more contemplative than flashy, and showed little of Scarlatti's "Spanishness"; a more extreme collection would have put his hypothesis to its final test, but meanwhile I have only praise for his taste in sonority.

I also have little but praise for his incisive, buoyant, harmonically alive playing. His keen sense of the theatrical emerged with still greater clarity from a performance of four amusing, quirky sonatas by Scarlatti's pupil, Antonio Soler.

In them Soler combines the harmonic shifts and phrase repetitions of his teacher with a rhetoric closer to C. P. E. Bach or even Haydn. They deserve to be heard more often, preferably at the hands of Mr Tilney, who completed his eloquent plea with pieces by Froberger and Byrd.

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Ronald Butt

# Child pornography: stop the poison now

There is no coldness, this side of the grave, quite like the coldness of the official mind. It is more unpleasant than the hard frost of honest enmity, which at least occasionally can thaw into something like regard for an opponent.

The coldness of the official mind comes from a passionate concern to defend "policy", however it is arrived at, and also the chosen timescale of policy. It is zealous for paper logic and it will dismiss the human problems which disturb this logic with an unscrupulousness of which few politicians, on their own, are capable.

Tomorrow Mr Cyril Townsend's Protection of Children Bill comes before the House of Commons. Its purpos is to prevent the exploitation of children by their use in the production of films or photographic material of an obscene or pornographic character.

The Home Office, it seems, will not exactly oppose it, but the Home Office and its ministers have consistently poured cold water on the need for this Bill and its practicability. They are likely to do the same tomorrow.

They have done so at every stage in their discussions with Mr Townsend since he decided to bring in a private member's Bill. First they said virtually that child pornography did not exist in Britain as a serious problem, and could be dealt with under th eexisting law. Then they implied that the *whole problem* was being exaggerated.

Their last defence, and it is on this one that they now rest, was to say that the legal problems are so complex and fundamental that it would be better to do nothing until the Williams committee which is looking into obscenity generally has made its report.

They are not in the least deterred that the Williams committee will not be reporting for about another two years, and that it could be a further two years after that before a government could produce legislation. Nor is the Home Office in the least impressed, it seems, by the fact that there are already some children in Britain who have been injured by being trapped into this vicious trade, and other children who have been damaged by perverted adults who make use of such material as a self-stimulant.

Nor is there *the slightest indication* that the Home Office has raised its eyes from the legal niceties at home to inquire in any detail into the extent to which child pornography already flourishes in the mainland of Europe, or about the huge threat to the welfare of children that it has come to represent in America where, within this last week, a Bill has become law to protect children from it.

The Home Office does not even seem to have taken any serious steps towards consulting the special bodies which could have told the officials that their complacency is misplaced.

Yet the National Society for *the Prevention of Cruelty to* Children have told Mr Townsend in a letter that they have to deal with cases where their officers discover that children are being photographed for pornographic purposes, and that both the NSPCC and the police are hampered by the present state of the criminal law.

The Salvation Army have also written to Mr Townsend commenting on the incalculable harm that is being done by child pornography, and supporting a Bill to prevent it. The Chief Constable of Manchester has sent a letter to Mr Townsend in support of the Bill and saying specifically that many of the cases with which the police are confronted do not come within the ambit of the present law. What, I wonder, have the Home Office really done to consult those best able to advise them?

I fear that the Home Office and its ministers prefer to bog themselves down in legalistic excuses for inaction, and I suppose they are doing their best to see that the Bill gets as little support as possible.

Thus Mr Evan Luard, an Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, has written to a constituent with the mysterious comment that "as a member of the Government, I am not able to vote for private members' Bills of the kind introduced by Mr Townsend".

Reading the chilly Home Office excuses, mostly above the signature of Mr Brynmor John, it is hard to believe that one is dealing with a department that could, if it wanted, have found out what is happening in America.

If they couldn't afford to find out direct, they could have asked Dr Judianne Densen-Berber, a doctor, psychiatrist and lawyer who is at the head of the Odyssey Institute in America which deals with children damaged by drugs, involvement in pornography and prostitution.

Dr Densen-Gerber is a distinguished American who has given evidence to Congress: she is in London this week (until Sunday) in support of Mr Townsend's Bill and is available if the Home Office wish to see her, which apparently they do not.

However, I have seen Dr Densen-Gerber and can pass on *some of what she told me.* She began her work against the exploitation of children in the making of pornography, not as a result of dealing with pornography as such, but because her work is with children damaged by drug addiction.

She made graphically clear to me the appalling interaction of drugs, child pornography and child prostitution in the United States. In America, child prostitutes (girls and boys) are on the streets in New York and in other large cities. They work in specific areas (Dr Densen-Gerber told me that, for instance, they are active in one Mayfair-type and one Soho-type area in New York) and in other places they molest potential customers.

She showed me material so horrible that it cannot be described. (And the fact that it cannot be described is, of course, part of the problem of making people understand how serious it is when it is established. Pornography is now a familiar word of *diminishing* impact.) As a psychiatrist, she rejected the often heard assertion that such material does not cause crime and only results in what is called masturbatory release.

"Men who are libidinized by this material towards children can only satisfy their libido by molesting a child either in the community, or in their own family." In many cases, this leads to incest (a rising crime in the United States) and cross-generation incest is one of the themes of some of the most degrading child pornography magazines she showed me.

Perhaps the most frightening thing of all was a Danish produced magazine circulating in America in English, with drawings, which explains how to pick up a child, what games to play as a preliminary to sexual activity and what conduct to follow so as to leave the least evidence for the police.

The evidence that Dr Densen-Gerber gave to a House of Representative committee revealed that child prostitution is big business on a terrifying scale in America. She told the committee that many of these children "are now on computers which enable them to be moved from city to city."

*You may say that that cannot happen here,* and it is probably true that the legal safeguards in this country are stronger than they were in America before the new law was passed.

Yet, there are escape routes: it is beginning to come in and to be made here. As Dr Densen-Gerber said, it would be a tragedy if, just when America had decided to act to stop it, we decided not to, and ran the risk of transferring the trade to this country, for which the *way could be paved by the fact* that the so called "paedophile" movement has its centre in Britain.

Certainly, at the moment, children between the ages of 14 and 16, which is in many respects the most vulnerable age (though child pornography in America uses children much younger) are unprotected in *Britain, and Mr Townsend's* Bill would put that right.

One of the quibbles raised by the Home Office concerns the definition of "indecent" in the clause of the Bill which makes it a crime to film or photograph children for indecent purposes. Yet the Post Office and Customs have no difficulty with this definition, and nor I think would a jury when faced with it in practice.

*The Home Office has also* told Mr Townsend that it thinks making possession of such child pornography an offence would be hard to justify. Yet the new American law, which deals with child pornography as involving illegal acts (comparable to illegal child labour) makes it an offence right down the line, from those who make, promote and distribute it, to those who retail it or possess it.

Child pornography has not yet afflicted Britain as it has America, but it is vital to act to stop it in its beginnings. Nobody can doubt that this is what public opinion wants. If it does not want to be tricked by the official syndrome which starts by declaring that there is no problem, and then when the problem becomes agonizing, pronounces that it is too late and has to be accepted.

I hope that there will be a full House in the Commons tomorrow and that, if necessary, some MPs who have other *engagements* in their constituency will break them and go to support Mr Townsend's Bill. Their constituents would not only forgive them. Overwhelmingly they would want them to do it.

Complacent officials have to be told that the country wants action immediately. The Home Office will no doubt hope that by not actually opposing the Bill it may be talked out or slip by with a negligible majority. An overwhelming House of Commons vote of support (I hope from all parties) to make Parliament's *wish* clear beyond ambiguity is an imperative tomorrow.

# Learning to love thy neighbour



Birmingham's "housing ghetto policy" for dealing with problem families is already running into trouble. Blocks of flats within estates have been set aside for "anti-social" families, but the outcry from other residents has been strong.

A homeless family was moved into one of the blocks last week and the reaction was immediate. One woman due to leave hospital after having a baby refused to go home as she did not wish to live near the newly arrived family. She went instead to her mother. A neighbour still living in the "anti-social" block demanded to be moved immediately. A man already collecting signatures for a petition against moving such families into the area—he had reached 300—threatened to picket the block.

Yet in fact this family did not come into the "anti-social" bracket. They were simply homeless. The reactions to the mere thought that they might be "a problem family" lends weight to social workers' fears that the policy will prove divisive and lead to the families being stigmatized.

*The policy is intended to* move difficult tenants into small groups of houses or flats where they can be rehabilitated to an acceptable standard of behaviour. It was announced without prior consultation with social services officials, although they are expected to provide support for the families.

*Birmingham's* director of social services is not prepared to say anything publicly because he believes the issue is political. Charged by his own social workers with failing to say anything to them, he points out that he was not consulted on the policy himself. Now that he has discovered the full implications of the *policy*, he will be starting discussions with social workers. They have declared, through the National Union of Public Employees and the local branch of the British Association of Social Workers, that they will not cooperate with the new policy until consultation has taken place.

The policy in effect makes *public and formal* the long-standing practice of many housing authorities of concentrating poorer tenants on the older housing estates. A "tenancy conditions enforcement sub-committee" was set up in November 1976 to deal with complaints by tenants about their neighbours and handled 53 cases in its first year. Only four of the 53 families accused of nuisance by their neighbours were allowed to remain where they were, and they were issued with a strong warning. Most of the families were moved, although action has not yet been completed in all cases.

That "dispersal" policy has not worked, according to Mr Arthur Walker, chairman of housing, who has introduced the new one in spite of vociferous protests from all sides.

"It has done nothing more than *move a sore* or a fester from one spot to another", Mr Walker said. "Under this policy you will no longer have six to 12 sores on the estates; there will be one sore, admittedly a bigger one, but at least you will not have street after street affected."

At first, the new policy appeared to have overwhelming support from the people of Birmingham. An undisclosed number of readers of the local evening paper responded to a questionnaire and 97 per cent agreed that "problem families" should be moved into "special districts for intensive social care".

Then the seven sites chosen were disclosed and it was realized that the families would be moved from one residential area to another. At least 3,000 residents signed petitions against the families being moved into those areas. Conservative councillors forced an adjournment of the council while the policy was clarified and Mr Walker had to survive a vote of confidence before getting it through. But he had to agree to drop two of the original seven sites which ar marked by red "measles rings" on a map of Birmingham in his office.

Social worker members of NUPE see the new policy as a attempt to divert attentio from the real difficulty of poo housing in a city where build ing has been cut back and th urban renewal programme ha become little more than house renovation scheme BASW members oppose it a unjust, unworkable and like to lead to tenants bein encouraged to complain abo their neighbours.

Mr Walker said: "It is a attempt to bring law and orde and to alleviate the misery i our tenants caused by a ver *small minority of tenant* whose behaviour is appal ing is not strong enough describe what these people i flict upon their neighbours."

Selection of the tenants be moved will be made by t tenancy conditions enforc ment sub-committee response to complaints neighbours and after investig tion of other options.

The five remaining sites, rehabilitation centres as M Walker calls them, comprise housing units. Once there, fa lies will be able to move again providing they convin housing officials that they a prepared to conform to acce table standards.

"The tenants aimed at a the completely anti-soci people who will not or cann control their actions, wheth through nature or drink, w go round threatening or t rorizing their neighbours", Walker said. "They will moved to wind and weath tight dwellings. If luxury f tings are vandalized, they remain vandalized."

But the policy has alrea been delayed not only by protests but by the reactio of local people. Some w supposed to move to make w for the "anti-social" famili and some have refused. Oth have torn up unsolicit transfer forms. But there is minority who are pleased have a transfer after ma years of waiting. The date which the first families will moved under the new poli has already been put back s months.

Mr Herbert Banner Adkin chairman of social servic supports the new policy as "law and order" issue that primarily a housing matter. believes the mistake the hou ing officials have made is n to come up with isolat places to put the famili which he declares he cou have found. Unlike his c league Mr Walker, he belie the social services will be i volved only routinely, if at all.

The social workers who a expected to provide the "i tensive social care" that w rehabilitate the selected fa lies believe that the poli will be defeated by the peop of Birmingham. You cann stamp out difficult neighbou entirely, they point out, a moving them will simply mal life unpleasant for oth families.

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# What is going on in the mind of Dr Soares?





Dr Soares and Professor do Amaral: a haggard face and a cheeky grin.

LISBON

A recent cartoon in the Portuguese Social Democrat newspaper *Expresso* depicted the socialist Prime Minister, Dr Mario Soares, with Professor Freitas do Amaral, the Christian Democrat (CDS) leader, peering from out of the top of his skull.

Professor do Amaral, whose party has joined the socialists in the new coalition government, was shown with a cheeky grin on his face and Dr Soares as tired and haggard with his cheeks puffed out and sagging.

The cartoon caught the mood of the grave situation perfectly: on the one hand the CDS party, which is avowedly against the socialist-orientated constitution of 1976, and whose star is on the ascendent, and on the other the dilemma of the socialists in their alliance with the right in order to make the second constitutional government since the military coup of April 25, 1974 viable.

The Portuguese, perplexed and visibly weary after four years of political and economic upheaval, are asking themselves many questions—not the least, as the cartoon showed, what is going on in the mind of Dr Soares?

Will this government last until 1980 as the agreement intends? Will it be capable of tackling the serious economic problems which remain unsolved? How can this government be coherent?

Opinions are inevitably partisan. For the communists this government is "reactionary" and worse, a complete betrayal of the principles of the "agrarian revolution".

The Social Democrats (PSD) find themselves in the very strange position of remaining the major opposition party—with 73 seats in the Assembly of the Republic—but with a programme which is not very much different from that of the CDS or the socialists for that matter. The CDS, hence the GRIN, is delighted and the socialists are caught in the middle.

What is happening in Portugal and which was bound to happen sooner or later is a realignment of political positions. The general consensus of opinion is that the socialists will be the losers of the present arrangement with its disillusioned left-wing going over to the communists, although a breakaway movement from the party could hold it off.

The communists will increase their strength anyway if the expected austerity measures are brought in to bring the economy out of its decline. The PSD is likely to lose a lot of support—its small social democrat wing to the socialists and many of its rank and file to the CDS which will become the Grand Conservative Party.

The fall of the last government, the result of losing a vote of confidence over what kind of talks were necessary *with the IMF, was, it should* be remembered, the country's first "normal" crisis in 17 months of parliamentary democracy. There were other crises before that in the wake of the revolution: an attempted right-wing counter coup in March, 1975, and one from the far left in November, 1975.

When the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) overthrew almost 50 years of fascism their programme aimed at "decolonization, democratization and development", the three d's. The first one was easily solved, creating at the *same time the problem of the* "retornados" (refugees returning from the former Portuguese African colonies, but the last two d's have still a long way to go, particularly in development.

"Democracy cannot be built on socialism alone", Senhor da Costa, vice president of the CDS, told me. We have, unlike *other parties, never aimed to* be socialist. Now people ask us how can we, who voted against the constitution, form a government with the fathers of that same constitution. Yes, we voted against it (the only party to do so), but as a democratic party must obey and respect Bills which parliament passes. However, we cannot follow the spirit of the constitution."

Senhor da Costa quoted at *me the new slogan of the CDS* youth section: "We want a society with less Marxism, less socialism and more democracy."

*The CDS now has a foothold* in the government. The three agreements, political, an economic one for 1978 and another for 1979-84, make no mention whatever of socialization or modernization and other socialist-tinged words which abound in the constitution.

The first and last agreement *were in fact almost entirely* drafted by the CDS. There is, for example, a reference to "the recognition of the fundamental role which private initiative has to play". The constitution speaks of "the transition to socialism". The tide is beginning to turn.

Dr Soares does not get on with the PSD, there is political and personal rivalry, but more than this it appears that he would like to create a strong *two-party system in Portugal* by eliminating the Social Democrats as a separate party.

"Our opposition will not be a right-wing one", Senhor *Francisco Pinto Balsemao, the Expresso* editor, told me. "On the other hand the PSD is not going to vote with the communists." For Senhor Balsemao "the present situation is like a house with the socialists building one wall: the CDS another, but what about the roof? There is no national project here and there is a tendency *to identify democracy with* disaster".

In Spain reform is coming from within the system for General Franco died naturally. Here it is the opposite for the dictatorship was overthrown. The two halves of Portugal, the basically conservative north and the communist south, divided by the river Tagus at Lisbon, are more entrenched now than ever. Sadly there is no sense of *national identity, not in the* sense of autonomy, a problem for Spain, not Portugal.

Dr Soares must now make his pact. His problem is the communists, who control the unions. The party, as veteran socialist Dr Raul Rego, editor of a *Luta*, pointed out to me, is trying to prove that orthodox communism, not Eurocommunism, can work in western Europe.

"We want to maintain the situation, the conquests of April 25" (agrarian reform, *nationalization*) said Senhor Aurelio Santos, of the party's central committee, "while others want to change it". It was a serious error of the socialists to make an agreement with a party which is against the democratic regime.

The new government has a comfortable majority in the parliament. It is unlikely to be brought down there but by social chaos, words used a lot these days in Lisbon.

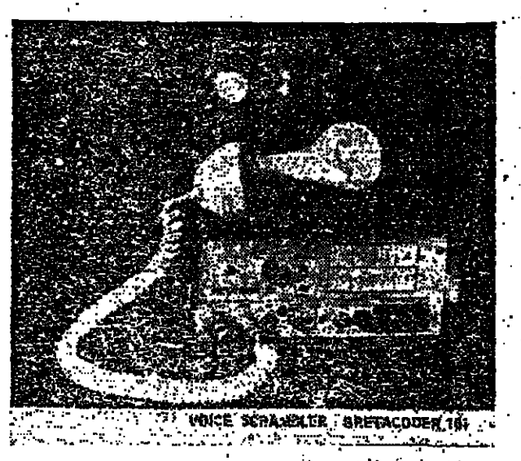
Meanwhile, the MFA, "the guardians of the revolution", in their watchdog body, the Council of the Revolution, show signs of uneasiness: "We are worried by the move to the right", a leftist council member *admitted to me.* The armed forces in Portugal remain the most politicized in western Europe.

The president, General Eanes, who resisted the temptation to form a government himself with the fall of the last one, has gallantly kept to his role as arbitrator and not martinet. His moderate line is *the dominant one, although not* among the younger officers. The general is not a man given to smiling and these days he looks even sterner in his Belem palace.

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## Boss heralding itself with a tongued lion

South Africa's Bureau for State Security, or Boss as it is acronymically known has briefly emerged from the shadows in a most unspookilke way. It has applied to the Bureau of Heraldry, the South African equivalent of the College of Arms, for official recognition of its own coat of arms and motto.

According to a notice in the South African *Government Gazette*, the motto which Boss has chosen for itself is "Scientia munit". (knowledge fortifies), which would seem a suitable motto for an intelligence organization.

Those familiar with Boss's ways in South Africa feel, however, that the Royal Artillery motto "Ubique" might have been more appropriate.

The coat of arms which Boss has chosen for itself consists of a lion with its tongue out, a plume of three peacock feathers marked with little eyes and the quills topped by two wolf hooks.

It is unclear exactly what Boss intends to do with its coat of arms. Perhaps its agents in the field will wear it as a blazer badge or on a club tie.

The thought occurs: if the CIA, KGB and MI6 were to follow suit and identify their operatives in a similar manner, then it might be possible to do away with the whole business of counter-espionage.




*A Financial Times advertisement offers a house for sale, with bulletproof windows, five minutes from the House of Commons. Sounds like a convenient bolthole after a stormy debate.*

## Very long run for City Lights?

You will know, if you read *The Times* letters page, that a campaign is afoot to erect a statue of Charlie Chaplin in London.

My own opinion is that his films are his best memorial. I expect this is a minority view but the man who is fuelling the campaign is adamant that *his* is not; already he has received more than 200 letters of support.

I am talking of Illtyd Harrington, deputy leader of the opposition on the Greater London Council, whose file of letters is now on its way to the GLC's arts committee who consider the statue plan in two weeks' time.

The statue would cost ratepayers between £10,000 and £12,000, he thinks. An underestimate, say the committee's chairman, Bernard Brook-Partridge and the leader of the GLC, Horace Cutler.

Mr Brook-Partridge tells me that, as a possible alternative, *he will float the idea of a public* fund, to which the GLC might contribute.

Mr Cutler has another idea, which would not cost the ratepayer a penny. Why not an illuminated sign in Piccadilly Circus; with Charlie as its theme?

A nostalgic thought: Chaplin in *City Lights* once again, and, presumably, for a never-ending run.

And while on the subject of brightening up London, I see that tomorrow is the 80th birthday of Major Norman Kark, the man who, when he was in advertising in the 1930s, first thought up the idea of spotlighting Nelson in Trafalgar Square—and did it.

## Another way of getting scorched

The 65p cup of tea in Greece and the £1.70 a day deckchair *in Italy are about to wrinkle* the horizon of day-dreamers planning their foreign holidays. The Consumer's Association publication *Holiday Which?*, out today, has such unfriendly estimates of prices abroad this summer that I am tempted to suggest that everyone stay at *home to get away from them all.*

One of the most alarming examples of inflation is Portugal where food prices have increased by 32 per cent since last year. If you can afford the petrol (£2.10 a gallon) I suggest you motor over the border very quickly to Spain, the only holiday place which *Holiday Which?* feels may still be cheaper than home.

## No short list at the station

The vital difference between London policeman and police woman as everyone now knows from the advertisement, is four inches.

A lesser known statistic that four inches in height almost roughly represents the difference between the policeman of today and 1935—at least according to information reaching *The Job*, the Metropolitan Police newspaper.

A list of officers who formed the A or Whitehall division's special squads shows that the baby of the 23-man group on October 24, 1935 was 6ft 1in. The tallest was PC 273 Hunt who stood 6ft 8½in in his stockinged feet and without helmet. None of the 12 men on an additional reserve list was shorter than 6ft 3in.

The list was sent to *The Job* by PC Tom Lisamore of Cannon Row who wonders what has happened to stunt the growth of today's policemen who people generally are thought to be taller than they used to be.

He suggests the magic of police canteen porridge may have sent policemen shooting up in 1935. A tall story.

## Sweet mystery of life—Turkish opple compost

My item last week about exotic dishes on offer at a Yemeni restaurant, seems to have inspired readers to turn out their drawers in search of souvenir menus.

Adrian Penna, of Frodsham, Cheshire, tells me about some of the items he winced at in a café in Istanbul. I pick, at random, the stuffed peppers, the bread meat rools and the opple, compost. What is worse, the Hotel Nond in Bucharest used to advertize brains balls, brains of black butter, creeps with gem and donnatts with crim.

Much more attractive, Mr Penna thinks, is the hotel in Sinaia which offers "double room, bath and sherry".

"Epicurus of Strasbourg" assures me that a restaurant not far from the Alsatian capital has roast duke on the menu while, only a little further afield, a most respectable establishment suggests that customers should start their meals with rude fair.

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of Colin Long, a London lawyer, who insists that in a restaurant in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, you can order Hung Arian Goulash.

*Not only are the days lengthening but, according to British Rail's 1978 desk diary, so are the months. February has a 29th, a 30th and a 31st.*


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# SYSTEM OF CONFUSION

decision by the miners' diators to accept pay rises in h in line with the Govern- 's guidelines has come as a to all concerned. The rs' leaders must have known after the very substantial ictivity agreements reached Christmas, there would been great public hostility very little trade union sup- if they had decided on action to get more. Thus ormal claim for an increase me 90 per cent on basic is seen to have been more e nature of a tactical move rive the extreme elements e union of their room for cuvre, rather than a isly pressed claim.

would clearly have been damaging to the national st, if there had been a coal with attendant disruption winter. Consequently, no , the Government will con- that the miners' decision is rther vindication of its nt incomes policy. It is also bly true that, in the short this policy it attracting a measure of public support. public dislike of inflation s consequences is still real. eneral objection to power- ions holding the system to n with large wage claims, cuted with strike action, is . There is the impression n many cases there is a conspiracy between union ators and some manage- to give wage increases business or industry can- properly afford, with the ning public suffering the nt price increase. For all reasons the Government that it can count on a sur- measure of support, even uarters like the Confedera- British Industry, for its olicy.

For all these reasons it is doubly important to repeat that what is being done is not wise, or acceptable. This applies both to the basic policy and to the sanctions being used to enforce it. As the indications are that the Government has already begun its preliminary thinking about an incomes policy for a fourth year, from the end of this July, it is essential that we should not once again drift by administrative action into another round of incomes policy.

So far as the sanctions are concerned the Government clearly realized that its previous tactics of veiled threats, selective arm twisting, secret blacklists and questionable use of discretionary powers was bound to fail once bold spirits were prepared to challenge them in court. The illuminating correspondence, published on Tuesday, between the John Lewis Partnership and government departments gives documentary proof of why such a system could not work.

That correspondence in effect demonstrates that the Government's incomes policy is what officials of the Department of Employment say it is. It is their decision, subject it seems to no administrative appeal, whether a company has broken that policy. The Government can then decide in an arbitrary way whether and to what extent an offending company shall be punished. In some cases companies seem to have been found guilty and placed on the blacklist without their knowledge. Quite apart from the question of whether or not this offends against basic concepts of natural justice, it must be absurd to operate a policy whose purpose is deterrence on the basis of blacklists which until now have been kept secret.

Faced with the rapidly growing problems and legal issues that were arising from the previous way in which sanctions were being applied, the Government clearly needed a rapid change of tactics. The new approach, at least from a legal and practical point of view, is less objectionable than the old. The Government is no longer seeking to give the impression that it is an offence to break the guidelines. It is simply saying that, so far as the private sector is concerned, all contracts with government will contain a clause which enables the Government to take effective action against any who do breach the pay guidlines. Since similar non-commercial clauses have been attached in the past to government contracts, from the legal point of view alone it would have been better if this tactic had been used from the start. Even now, however, it does not take much imagination to see that there will still be a flood of arbitrary decisions and inequities in the operation of such clauses.

This tactical change, though, does nothing to alter the underlying weakness of the Government's policy. After three years of a rigid incomes policy (the last imposed by administrative action without parliamentary consent) the inflexibilities of the system are causing more problems every day than are being solved. It is not possible to conceive of an orderly transition from a low growth, low productivity, low wage economy to something more progressive, if every wage change can in principle be judged upon by a bureaucrat in the Department of Employment.

Above all, it cannot be achieved if the Government fails in its far more fundamental duty to run a responsible monetary policy. The latest indications are that once again the control of the money supply is being allowed to lapse. It is in the Treasury and the Bank of England, not in the Department of Employment, that the responsibility for the future stability of the British economy lies.

# KING PROTECTION INEVITABLE

roblem caused by the ing penetration of the car market by Japanese s has entered a new and more serious phase. In the major Japanese manu- rs seem to have refused rthwhile assurances about policy in the British this year. Although their nt was hedged round with ces that they do not to cause great problems British industry during e clear message delivered visiting delegation of the ish Society of Motor cturers and Traders is r the time being the voluntary restraint by e car makers is at an end.

e same time, the SMMT l figures in London which ve doubt on the sincerity ich past undertakings by e manufacturers have served. The figures for strations in January show ring the first month of ear, registrations of e cars were more than high as they were in 1977. The figures over- e Japanese increase of share, but in so doing nt irresistibly to the on that the breach of the not to increase Japan's f the British market 1977 was even greater peared from the initial figures. These suggested apanese manufacturers per cent of the British compared with the 9.4 implied by their promise ceed the 1976 level.

v seems clear that the ion of some Japanese postponed from Decem- anuary, thus artificially g the figure for 1977. manufacturers have two main defences against the criticism provoked by the clear evidence that they sold far more in 1977 than they led the British industry to expect. Their first line of argument is that they at no time ever made any promise about their behaviour during the year, but instead merely indicated that they saw no reason to expect any increase in their market share. This is not good enough and ought to be rejected. There was a clear understanding and that understanding was not met.

The second argument advanced by Japanese manufacturers is more soundly based. This is that their increase in sales in Britain during 1977 was part of a much broader increase in imports which was caused by British Leyland's failure to produce enough cars. No one can deny that there is an uncomfortable element of truth to this argument. Neither the British consumer nor the Japanese manufacturer (nor indeed the British government) have a duty to protect British Leyland and its employees from their own folly.

However, the failure of Japanese industry leaders to make an offer of restraint during 1978 raises a quite different question. The British car industry, and British Leyland in particular, needs not merely to hold on to its present share of the British market but to recover some of the ground which it has lost if it is to have a viable future. Even on the most optimistic assumptions about the new structure of British Leyland, that will be a very difficult task.

It risks being made impossible by the threat of the major Japanese manufacturers to expand their sales to Britain at least in line with the total increase in the British market this year and quite possibly at an even faster pace. Japan can rightly point out that it has removed the tariffs and barriers which made it so difficult for foreign manufacturers to sell in the Japanese market. But it has done so only after years of protection which have been used to build up an industry strong enough to compete against any in the world. The British industry does not have that strength.

The weakness of the British industry is one of the reasons why Japanese firms have been more successful here than in other countries. But the greater effectiveness of car-makers in some of Britain's EEC partners has often been buttressed by more direct assistance from their governments. The more candid Japanese officials will admit that the difficulties imposed by the French government have discouraged Japanese firms from concentrating their efforts on that country. In Italy, there are formal restrictions which limit the number of cars which Japan can sell.

Such restraints are a limitation on the free trade which has done much to bring prosperity to the world since the war. But at a time of great difficulty for the world economy, free trade needs to be tempered by an awareness of the necessity for proper international management of some of the strains it can cause. It is usually best to do this by voluntary understandings rather than government intervention. That is a route which has now been closed in the case of motor cars. It is time for the government to explore other, more direct ways of achieving the necessary goals to give the British car industry a last chance to put itself to rights.

# OLICY OF CONSTITUTIONAL INJUSTICE

g attack by Mr Colin the South African ent's further steps in olicy of dividing the into a white man's and eight rural shed black states shows November elections have p a real if small oppo- party against the st juggernaut. Mr Mulder, the Minister of dministration, will get to amend the status of urther in the direction beiter, but not without aking. The Progressive Party has only 17 seats tionalists' 134. But black n to the bantustan ows within and outside lands, and it is a good the PFR recognizes that r role is to articulate ever possible.

objective of the sts, since Dr Verwoerd's always been as plain of *Mein Kampf*. All e to have the status of of their bantustans, they have ever been are tribally identifiable n white South Africa, e opportunities are, and to whose imposing economic prosperity the black people have made their substantial contribution over 200 years, they are to be Uitlanders on work permits; nor would participation in the running of their transit camps like Soweto confer any citizenship rights. They would be deportable, without obligations to the employer, for any reason of undesirability. One of these is to be "idle"—unemployed for four months, not necessarily consecutively—and the choice will be between deportation or detention for this "crime".

The fact that the 13 per cent of South Africa's area given over to bantustans could not support 20 million blacks, and that the white economy would collapse if only whites tried to run it, is of no consequence to the Afrikaner theorists. The very process of creating a white South Africa in which blacks are there but legally invisible will assist the police to keep the helots powerless.

But even the bantustans are resisting these cruel absurdities. Recently under the separate development programme a shantytown of Xhosas was bulldozed in the Cape and its dwellers were told that as Xhosas and therefore nationals of Transkei they must go to Transkei, now "independent". Transkei refused responsibility, at least for some of them, since it does not recognize as its citizens Xhosas resident in South Africa, unless they voluntarily register. As the laws conflict, they become in effect stateless. Chief Buthelezi, leader of the KwaZulu homeland, is refusing such an "independence" and Pretoria is threatening reprisals because his anti-independence Inkatha party is recruiting beyond KwaZulu's fragmented borders.

The vast mass of blacks wish to live as citizens of an undivided South Africa, with a share in policymaking; the Government is determined to compartmentalize the country and produces endless arguments to prove this is just. Since these ethnic and tribal divisions have no historical validity whatever, they should perhaps show why in justice the white Africans should not be confined to a homeland of about 20 per cent of the area. This would be absurd, too, but might be preferable to the racial war the Government's policy is brewing

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Efficiency in the public sector

*From the Chairman of the National Coal Board*

Sir, I consider that Mr Rees-Mogg, in his article of February 6, over simplifies the comparison of efficiency between state and private enterprise. There are many examples of highly efficient management in the nationalized industries; and there are many examples of the development of new and exciting technologies which are stimulating interest throughout the world and leading to valuable overseas earnings.

While there may be some merit in further examining Mr Rees-Mogg's interesting proposals on the equity financing of state industries (and I have always felt that they should have greater flexibility in the ways in which they raise money than they presently possess), no amount of financial rejigging will alter some of the basic problems with which these industries have to deal. There is only one way of solving these problems: by management clearly defining them, identifying the possible options, fully and frankly discussing them with the employees involved, selecting the most practicable solution, and pursuing it with determination.

This process applies whatever the ownership of the business. It is the essence of good management. I contend we have it just as much in the nationalized industries as in the private sector.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK EZRA, Chairman,
National Coal Board,
Hobart House,
Grosvenor Place, SW1.
February 8.

## The politics of race

*From Mr David Wilks*

Sir, Your correspondents from the Runnymede Trust (February 8) do the Conservative Party grave injustice by stating: "In the past six months there have been protests from members of other political parties against the tactics of the National Front. The silence among the leadership of the Conservative Party has been deafening."

Perhaps I may be permitted to outline a few of the facts. At the Party Conference last October, the constituency associations of the Conservative Party balloted for a motion on race relations to be debated. The motion was passed overwhelmingly and it called on all constituency associations to affiliate to their local community relations councils.

In November Mr Whitelaw launched the Federation of Conservative Students' campaign against racialism. This campaign had the full support of Mrs Thatcher and the shadow Cabinet. Indeed many constituency associations throughout Britain are now distributing leaflets in our cities to combat the growth of racialism in this country and to promote racial harmony.

More recently the Conservative Party has joined the joint committee against racialism. Here again we shall be working with ethnic organizations, the two other major political parties and other groups to provide an educational campaign against racialism and to foster harmonious race relations.

The record of the Conservative Party is a proud one. Admittedly I believe we should also be providing more positive solutions to the problems in our inner cities. Perhaps also at times our handling of our public relations has been maladroit, but nonetheless the Conservative Party's stand against racialism is clear and unambiguous. For Mr Rees and Mr Callaghan to suggest otherwise is utterly discreditable and for the Runnymede Trust worthies to describe our action as "silence" must mean they are deaf.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID WILKS,
Chairman, Federation of Conservative Students,
32 Smith Square, SW1.

## Preserving great houses

*From Lord Sudeley*

Sir, In his article on "Exporting British insults to Iran" Lord Chalfont seeks to explain why these insults have been given. But I think he has omitted what may be the most important of all the reasons, and this is the comparative immunity of rich Persians in their own country from the crippling taxation which afflicts the rich over here. This immunity is especially evident to us when the rich Persians come here.

My own personal concern in this arises from the purchase of our old family home of Toddington in the North Cotswolds by a Persian. What might have happened to the fabric of Toddington, personally designed by 1st Lord Sudeley who afterwards became Chairman of the Commission for the Rebuilding of the Houses of Parliament, has been a great worry to the Victorian Society and myself; and now we are so much relieved there is money from Persia to take care of it.

At the same time, it is a national disgrace that the preservation of a place like Toddington should be left to depend on money from abroad.

Toddington is not an isolated instance. When, by the use of the capital transfer tax, the government eliminates our own countrymen as the hereditary owners of great houses and estates, the question is raised of into whose hands these houses and estates must fall. One answer, I suppose, is rich foreigners like the Persians who are welcomed here for purposes of exchange.

We should put our own house in order before throwing stones at other people's.

Yours faithfully,
SUDELEY,
25 Melcombe Court,
Dorset Square, NW1.

In a letter on Saturday, Mr Amos Ford suggested that a non-aggression pact between Belize and Guatemala should ultimately be ratified and incorporated in the Articles of the United Nations (not of the United Kingdom, as was incorrectly printed.

## Government and pay guidelines

*From Sir Arnold Weinstock*

Sir, The debate and vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday (February 7) confirms the Government's intention to decline to pay its bills, or part of them, from suppliers who the Secretary of State alleges have strayed outside the "guidelines" concerning pay, or even whose subcontractors are alleged to have done so. The outline "procedures" published today, February 8, are ridiculous, and will no doubt have to be revised in due course. But the principle is more or less clear.

That principle having been established, we can presumably expect the same contract conditions to be applied where a government agency is a seller instead of a buyer. For example, if the CEGB, or the Gas Board, or the Post Office make settlements outside the guidelines, no doubt we shall be upheld in refusing to pay all, or part, of our bills for electricity, gas and telephone services.

Others will doubtless take up the more basic issue of the apparent outrage to the principles of constitutional government in a free society which the administration's present behaviour implies.

Yours faithfully,
ARNOLD WEINSTOCK,
The General Electric Company Limited,
1 Stanhope Gate, W1.
February 8.

*From Mr William Shepherd*

Sir, I find the present assault on the Government's wages policy thoroughly depressing. The Sun Alliance is clearly confronting the Government as an act of defiance—and because it is much easier to pay more money and load the cost on the policyholder than to take a stand on a rational wages policy. The press, including unhappily *The Times*, is rowing in on the obvious which is that a voluntary pay policy does not provide clear, unmistakable legal positions from which the Government can act to further its aims. The Opposition has no policy of its own and appears bent merely upon destroying the Government's—with the help of Labour's left wing.

How is it that so many people appear to have forgotten that only a short time ago we had an inflation rate of 30 per cent and that we could soon be back to a 20 per cent rate with the aid of the Sun Alliance, parts of the press, and the Opposition? If the miners and the power workers succeed in finishing off the pay policy, it will be in part because of the assistance they have received from these most unlikely quarters.

The United Kingdom has peculiar difficulties in the matter of wage settlements. Our unions are fragmented structurally and monolithic politically, the worst possible combination for the purpose of achieving restraint. Free collective bargaining in a free society is purely mythical as applied to the United Kingdom. It means in effect that those who can hold the community to ransom best get the most. Free collective bargaining would be an acceptable proposition if the use of force were ruled out—but it cannot be.

The need for a wages policy of a more permanent nature becomes more evident each day and I feel that the Government should initiate discussions with all concerned to see how far we can progress towards this end. Ought we not to challenge the idea that everyone in the country should have a wage increase every year irrespective of whether there is any increase in the national product? And could we not consider extending our arbitration and conciliation procedures? Surely the majority of workers and employers believe that there is more hope in developing a rational wages policy than in continuous wages confrontations? If they do, they should rally in an effort to defeat the wreckers.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM SHEPHERD,
77 George Street,
Portman Square, W1.
February 6.

## Bipartisanship on Ulster

*From Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)*

Sir, The Conservative Opposition has been falsely charged on both sides of the Irish Sea with breaking bipartisanship on Ulster. At Question Time on February 2 the SDLP Member, Mr Gerald Fitt, alleged that the Opposition spokesman's speech at Surbiton on the previous day had "led to the breakdown in the bipartisan approach" and the Prime Minister, replying, expressed the hope that "a national approach can be sustained and maintained as it has during the past seven years".

Mr Fitt presumably based his allegation on these words of Mr Airey Neave: "Thanks to the Irish Government, a power sharing administration in Northern Ireland is no longer practical politics. All our efforts must now be concentrated on improving the structure of local government in the province which has failed to win the full hearted support of the community."

The Secretary of State proposes a Northern Ireland Regional Authority containing, as he said at Doncaster on February 3, "safeguards for both minority and majority interests". But in the same speech Mr Mason urged "politicians and commentators" not "to get hung up on apparently simple expressions such as 'power sharing'". This, to many, meant "the system of government which was in operation with the Northern Ireland Executive for five months in 1974". The Northern Ireland Secretary went on: "We are not trying to recreate that particular form of government which was, of course, an 'imposed' and 'appointed' Executive." Mr Mason then spoke somewhat vaguely of "some sort of partnership" spanning "the community divide".

Had his speech been given its due importance by the media, there might have been less excitement about the bipartisan approach. Where this is manifestly lacking is in Ministers' misuse of direct rule to turn Northern Ireland into a forcing house of bureaucratic experiments. Whatever the merits of the subject of legislation, it is constitutionally improper to try to impose the wearing of seat belts by unamendable Order in Council and it is cynical for the Government to describe its approach as bipartisan when it seeks to reorganize secondary education in a province with an A-level record superior to England's at the cost of destroying Ulster's splendid grammar schools.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
An Official Opposition Spokesman on Northern Ireland,
House of Commons.
February 8.

## Towards Christian unity

*From the Bishop of Southwark*

Sir, From a temporary sick bed, possibly occasioned by the "red" flu which politically becomes me, I have read the correspondence on so-called "Christian Unity" with little interest and much boredom.

I attended my first conference on the reunion of the Churches in 1937—more than forty years ago. I doubt whether anything of importance was said on that occasion which has not been repeated *ad nauseam* in your columns in recent days. As for the things of non-importance, they win by a long head!

In the intervening years—getting on for half a century—I have administered the Sacrament to hundreds, possibly thousands, of Roman Catholics or Free Churchmen. It has also been my privilege and joy to receive the Sacrament at their invitation from them.

I am sometimes asked how I can allow myself to become thus involved when there is a lack of doctrinal agreement. Here is my reply: (a) There is no doctrinal agreement in the Church of England on many issues. For instance, when I ordain a man to the ministry in Southwark Cathedral he is convinced that I am making him a sacerdotal priest qualified to offer the sacrifice of the Mass, whereas the man kneeling next to him on whom I also lay hands, is convinced that the opposite is the case. To him the "Mass"—and he would reject the word—is a memorial meal and there is no Presence of Christ in the bread and wine but only in the heart of the believer. The same opposite opinions would be true of the infallibility of Scripture, the need to go to confession, prayers for the dead, the invocation of Saints, Mariolatory, and much more. Even so we coexist, with few exceptions, as a happy family intent on doing the Lord's work as we understand it.

(b) If Roman Catholics think that the above admission "gives the game away" and proves the necessity for Anglicans to resolve their differences and come to a single statement of belief, may I add that I have found as much diversity among themselves. I have, for instance, taken part in many conferences with Roman Catholics where there have been head-on collisions—not between Roman Catholics and Anglicans, but between Roman Catholics and Roman Catholics—with regard to birth control, papal infallibility, the immaculate conception, purgatory, the celibate priesthood, compulsory confession, the validity of Anglican orders and much more!

Before I was smitten with the 'flu I had the good fortune to listen to Cardinal Hume—a friend whom I greatly admire—address the General Synod. Nobody could question his deep sincerity and his utter dedication, but I said to myself: "He's living on an oasis in an Ecclesiastical cloud-cuckoo land which is thousands of miles behind the frontiers of reality." Meanwhile Christians of all denominations, who are looking up to be fed, will leave their pastors to their fruitless arguments and will vote with their feet. They have walked along the road to Emmaus long enough. It's time to break bread together!

Yours faithfully,
†MERVYN SOUTHWARK,
as from Bishop's House,
38 Tooting Bec Gardens,
Streatham, SW16.

*From Dr J. A. Ratchford*

Sir, Would those of other denominations, who are eager to receive Communion in the Catholic Church, be equally enthusiastic to seek absolution through Confession beforehand?

Yours sincerely,
J. A. RATCHFORD,
24 Brock Mill Lane,
Wigan,
Lancashire.

## Britain's 'lie factory'

*From Dr Charles Cruickshank*

Sir, May I be allowed to correct misapprehensions in Mr Kenneth Young's letter of January 26 about Britain's "lie factory"?

The files of the Political Warfare Executive (Class FO 898) are not under a security ban but have been available for study in the Public Record Office for some years. There are well over 500 of them, and they were the principal raw material for my recent book *The Fourth Arm: psychological warfare, 1938-1945*.

Secondly, PWE's whispers—sibs—fibs—rumours—manufactured lies, *were* numbered. They had to be, like any manufactured product, if there was to be any hope of measuring customer reaction to them.

It is perhaps a matter of regret that at a time when there is criticism of the Government's reluctance to release its records the Public Record Office should be denied credit for *any* liberality in this field.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CRUICKSHANK,
15 McKay Road,
Wimbledon Common, SW20.

## Scottish blizzard forecasts

*From the Director-General of the Meteorological Office*

Sir, The climate of Britain is usually described as temperate but, as the recent flooding along the East Coast and the disastrous blizzards in Scotland remind us, we are not immune from the fury of the elements.

On such occasions there may be criticism, either direct or implied, of the weather forecasters and this is often ill-informed; rarely do the forecasters receive credit for their successes. Even your informative feature on the Scottish blizzards (*The Times*, February 3) gives the impression that the storm struck without warning and was not identified until revealed by satellite pictures on the morning of January 28. In fact the very deep depression and its associated severe weather were very well handled in the forecasts issued by the Meteorological Office.

Numerous forecasts and special Flash messages issued from the evening of January 27 onwards warned of substantial snow with heavy drifting in strong winds. On the evening of January 27 the BBC Scottish Television Regional News included a special warning from Glasgow Weather Centre advising climbers, skiers and travellers of the dangers expected over Scotland on the following day. The Defence authorities, too, were warned in the early hours of January 28 to expect calls for military help to assist the civilian community and this contributed to the rapid availability of helicopters for rescue work in Scotland.

The Meteorological Office has no direct means of communication of its own for disseminating warnings to the general public and must rely on the media, the police and the local authorities. The public is warned of hazardous weather through the routine weather bulletins broadcast several times each day on national and regional radio and television channels and on many local radio stations. In addition, radio and television programmes are interrupted to give urgent warnings (Flash messages) of weather that may cause severe damage or endanger life.

All these opportunities were widely used to inform the public as fully as possible during the damaging January storms; but however early or frequently warnings are issued it is unrealistic to expect that everyone will hear them or act upon them.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. MASON,
Meteorological Office,
London Road,
Bracknell,
Berkshire.
February 7.

## Monitoring human rights

*From Mr Boris Korolyov*

Sir, I have read in your newspaper that a group of politicians put forward the idea of nominating the so-called Moscow Group to Monitor the Helsinki Accords for the Nobel Peace Prize. I was not surprised since in recent years this prize has been used almost exclusively for anti-Soviet purposes. It is a standard move in the continual game against the Soviet Union and socialism.

I am more surprised about something else I noticed. On January 25 the British Parliament discussed the question of human rights. For some reason the speakers used only one name as an example—the name of Shcharansky. And this in a country where examples are not far to seek....

Why did none of the parliamentarians mention Ulster, which has long ago been turned into a preserve for trampling human rights underfoot?

Or, if British parliamentarians need an example from distant countries, they make care to take Bangladesh, where 20,000 people have been waiting for two years for permission to enter the UK because they wish to be reunited with their families living in Britain. Maybe, it is their possible helpers who should get a Nobel Peace Prize? Indeed, on balance, London appears to be a far more rewarding place for active work by committees to monitor the implementation of the Helsinki decisions.

As we say: the street will be clean if each honestly sweeps the space in front of his own house.

Yours faithfully,
B. KOROLYOV,
Flat 14,
Rublyovskoye Shaussee,
Moscow,
USSR.
January 27.

## A cricket round-table

*From the Chairman of Surrey County Cricket Club*

Sir, There is little more encouraging on a grey February morning than to hear your Cricket Correspondent calling for an end to cricket's civil war which, like all struggles of that nature, has bred its own brand of bitterness amongst those directly and indirectly involved with the game.

The Surrey Club's loyalty is, and always has been, to our own Test & County Cricket Board, but we have never changed our view that there should be a genuine discussion round a table between the International Cricket Conference and the rival system. All we have had so far is confrontation, not discussion.

We believe that a round-table meeting would enable each side to analyze the good and the bad elements of both systems and could even lead to a unification of the two—for the benefit of the game, the players and the watching public the world over. If this is what your correspondent is endorsing, he has our complete support. Time is of the essence, and it is to be hoped that the reported initiatives in Australia reach ICC as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
RAMAN SUBBA ROW,
Chairman, Surrey County Cricket Club,
The Oval,
Kennington, SE11.
February 7.

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## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 8: Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the Household Cavalry Regiment (Mounted) at Hyde Park Barracks.

Her Majesty was received upon arrival by Silver Stick in Waiting (Colonel James Eyre) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Morris).

After witnessing a display in the Riding School, The Queen visited The Life Guards Squadron stables (Mounted Squadron Leader, Major Seymour Gilbart-Denham) and The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons) Squadron stables (Mounted Squadron Leader, Major Brian Lockhart).

Her Majesty later honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Lady Abel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller and Mr William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Right Hon James Callaghan, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, with Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Engineering Institutions' Fellowship of Engineering at St James's Palace.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the New Zealand Society Dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

February 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited the Old Bailey and honoured the Right Hon the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Judges of the Central Criminal Court with her presence at luncheon.

The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

## Birthdays today

The Marquess of Exeter, 73; Sir Douglas Haddow, 65; Lord Pearce, 77; Professor S. E. Rasmussen, 80; Mr Dean Rusk, 69; Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, 56; Professor H. H. Scullard, 75.

## Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give reception for 1977 winners of the Queen's Awards for Export and Technology, Buckingham Palace, 6.

Princess Margaret attends meeting of charities committee of Haberdashers' Company, Haberdashers' Hall, 11.35.

Court of Common Council, Guildhall: public welcome; explanatory talk 12.50, court commences 1.

Lunchtime music: St Mary-le-Bow, Chigwell Piano Trio, 1.05; St Olave's, Hart Street, Frank Kubik, baritone, Gunther Bauer-Schenk, piano, 1.05; British Institute of Recorded Sound, 29 Exhibition Road, flamenco record recital, 1.05-1.55.

Exhibitions: Peter Lanyon, paintings, drawings and constructions 1937-64, Whitworth Gallery, Manchester, 10-9; Painting of Rajasthan, British Museum, 10-5.

## Poulters' Company

The election day court of the Poulters' Company was held yesterday, Ash Wednesday, preceded by the annual service at St Peter-upon-Cornhill. The following were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr M. Sumeray; Upper Warden, Mr E. C. Woollard; Renter Warden, Mr A. W. Hedges.

## Ornithologists identify new species of bird

Whangarei, New Zealand, Feb 8.—New Zealand ornithologists say they have positively identified and photographed the magenta petrel, a species of bird whose existence had not previously been confirmed.

It was first seen 110 years ago by an Italian 500 miles east of Chatham Island, which lies east off New Zealand's south island.

An ornithological expedition led by Mr David Crockett, of Whangarei, claims to have attracted three of the birds with a bright light during a search on Chatham Island last month.—Reuter.

## Churchill Travelling Fellowships

The 1978 Churchill Travelling Fellowships have been awarded to the following 50 women and 60 men, chosen from 2,489 applicants:

Miss A. W. Adams, Cardiff, Olympic swimmer; N. Adams, Camberwell, judo teacher, ILEA; M. Alder, Beverley, senior lecturer, agriculture, Bishop Burton C; Miss J. M. Alford, Fulham, singer; D. R. Allanach, Peterborough, librarian; Miss M. E. Anderson, Stratford-on-Avon, speech therapist; Miss J. Ashton, Solihull, international squash player; G. M. Avory, Orpington, publicity officer; Miss L. J. Baddams, Ilford, hearing therapist; Miss J. M. Baird, Harrogate, Environmental health officer trainee; M. W. Baldwin, Fulham, lecturer in civil engineering; Miss J. M. Band, Tooling, tapestry restorer conservator; R. S. Barker, Eastleigh, recruit; P. R. Berry, Barford, Warwick, store student; R. Biddiscombe, Birmingham, acquisitions librarian; R. M. Black, Kirkintilloch, prosthetic/orthotic technician.

T. P. Bradley, Manchester, head of Chiropody; H. J. Briggs, Dagenham, Thames lighterman; D. B. Brook, Leeds, Carer; Miss D. A. Burton, Leeds, Internat racing cyclist; G. D. Carrick, Norwich, lead glazier; S. D. Chadwick, Stroud, lute maker; Miss C. S. Clark, Chalfont St Peter, fun internat rider; P. R. Clear, Littlehampton, master hurdle-maker; I. J. Cook, Maldenconbe, main med lab technologist; S. D. Cousins, Kentish Town, police offr; Miss G. Craven, Manchester, management trainee; C. J. Croft, Shrewsbury, farmer; N. Croucher, Ealing, mountaineer, writer; Miss S. M. Dale, Milton Keynes, sub-librarian; Miss S. J. Dando, Uckfield, internat gymnast; Mrs W. A. Davies, Tarporley, voluntary worker, audio research; P. Donachie, Bristol, medical physics technician.

M. Dorman, Birmingham, prine lecturer, German studies; L. E. Farant, Ralnham, Thames lighterman; M. W. J. Ferguson, Limavady, co Londonderry, dentistry student; A. R. Fleming, Ceres, Fife, bookbinder; Miss L. J. Freeman, Letchworth, medical student; Miss R. Furnisa, Paddington, violinist; Miss P. Goddard, Edinburgh, speech therapist; Miss S. Gould, West Wimbledon, harpsichord and music teacher; J. B. Gowing, Bridgwater, branch manager, Brit Road Servs; D. G. Griffiths, Oswestry, hon sec Disabled Motorists Fed; Mrs E. Gutteridge, Sunderstead, Hand Crofts organizer/sec; Mrs E. Harris, Sevenoaks, patchworker and teacher; Miss P. Heaney, Glasgow, research worker, single homeless; R. Hendry, Glasgow, taxidermist; J. F. Hewlett, Walthamstow, deputy librarian; O. J. Hunt, Norwich, teacher.

Miss A. Irvine, Coatbridge, head teacher, S for handicapped children; Miss E. Irvine, Belfast, lecturer in librarianship; G. R. Johnson, Derby, research bioengineer, rheumatology; I. Kershaw, Leeds, science teacher; J. Kewin, Preston, occupational therapist; M. R. Klaber, Golders Green, sen dermatology registrar; Miss T. Knight, Walton-on-Thames, asst to mentally handicapped; Miss H. J. Lade, Stroud, undergraduate, Chinese studies; Miss J. Lever, Notting Hill, archivist; D. Lorimer, Cambridge, student teacher; R. J. Lukies, Bishop's Stortford, farmer; D. R. McBride, Belfast, sen athletics coach; Miss M. Maclachan, West Calder, glass blower; T. Marshall, Birmingham, lecturer (wheelchair user); Miss L. Martin, West Wimbledon, internal fencer; A. Maxwell, Camden, slide librarian; Mrs G. F. Mead, Cambridge, reader servs librarian.

P. J. Mellon, Meopham, chief med lab technician; D. M. Monro, South Kensington, lecturer dept of electrical engineering; R. R. Murray, Glenrothes, silversmith and jeweller; R. L. Nelham, Uckfield, research engineer, rehabilitation unit; Miss S. Oram, Wimbledon, ballet dancer; J. H. Ousbey, Stratford on Avon, horse-drawn vehicle and vintage car renovator; Mrs D. Pagnamenta, Porshore, chairman, holiday citee, riding for disabled assoc; Miss L. B. Parker, Maida Hill, director, Old Vic Youth Theatre; A. E. Parsons, Kenilworth, German teacher; Sister E. Pickard, Purney, psychologist; Miss H. Pownall, Hove, police offr; Mrs C. Preston, Reading, viticultor and winemaker; C. L. Prior, Bakewell, inform offr; Mrs J. Quinn, Coventry, lecturer, foreign languages; R. Quinnell, Leatherhead, wrought iron craftsman; Miss W. Randall, Hove, research technician, biology; H. Raybould, Paddington, woodcarver; K. Remfry, Pinner, Olympic judo competitor and coach.

Miss V. Robertson, Penzance, handweaver; Miss B. Sandles, Hartlepool, branch librarian; C. Saunders, Nottingham, sen children's librarian; Miss C. Sayer, Fulham, writer, researcher; Miss G. Seeds, Camden, theatre director; S. Selby, Edinburgh, archivist/lexicographer; K. Sharp, Leeds, Yorkshire cricketer; Miss A. Sharrott, Atherstone, educ offr, Young Farmers' Clubs; P. Siret, Oxford, motor mechanic; D. Smurthwaite, Battersea, keeper of archives; Miss S. Staniforth, Marylebone, student; Mrs A. Starmore, Isle of Lewis, knitwear designer, producer; Miss M. Stewart, Birmingham, internat athlete; Miss K. Taylor, Reading, internat pentathlete; Miss R. Tinley, Peddington, farm open days offr; M. Tuke, Morden, med rea engineer; Mrs M. Walmsley, Garstang, domiciliary handicraft teacher; D. Washer, Gravesend, tug captain; E. Wedgebury, Spalding, mobility offr for blind; Mrs J. Wetherall, Burgess Hill, restorer and gilder; Miss C. White, South Woodford, physiotherapist, handicapped children; R. Wiggin, Wargrave, nat rowing coach; S. Williams, Wrexham, bookbinder and repairer; S. Woolley, Maida Hill, schoolmaster; Miss J. Wykeham-Musgrave, Cirencester, field offr, Riding for Disabled Assoc; R. Young, Brighton, sub-librarian.

## 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Feb 7, 1953

### US wage controls end

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Feb 6—President Eisenhower today ended all wage controls and removed price controls from a number of consumer goods including meat. In a statement announcing the decision he referred to his two major actions towards eliminating in an orderly fashion the price and wage controls under which the American economy had been required to operate for the past two years. All wage and salary controls, the statement continued, would be lifted under an executive order immediately. The price controls affected, which include a wide selection of consumer goods and all meat products and meals in restaurants, were suspended by orders from the Office of Price Stabilization. Petrol, beer and cigarettes will remain under controls. The fiscal and economic policies outlined by the President in his message on the State of the Union, of which today's announcements are the first positive outcome, suggest that it will be in this field that the difference between the new administration and the old will be most significant. It has been quite clear—from the insistence in the speech that the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board must work together to serve the whole nation by policies designed to stabilize the economy and encourage the free play of our people's genius for individual initiative that this government intends to use credit and budgetary policies where the last government was inclined to use direct economic controls.

# New herald in accord with the precedents

By Philip Howard

The Queen has appointed the first New Zealand Herald of Arms, an entirely new officer of arms and member of her household. He is Mr Phillip Patrick O'Shea, a New Zealand civil servant who is advisory officer for honours in the New Zealand Cabinet Office. Mr O'Shea is an expert on honours and designed the insignia of the Queen's Service Order, recently established for New Zealand.

As a herald extraordinary, combining his heraldic duties with his other work, Mr O'Shea will remain in the Cabinet Office in Wellington, as well as becoming a member of the Queen's Household.

The announcement of the appointment was made to coincide with the twenty-sixth anniversary this week of the Queen's accession, which was also New Zealand Day. The Queen of New Zealand marked the end of her silver jubilee year by the creation of a new office in her household. There is precedent, which is of supreme importance in heraldic affairs, for such an appointment. Henry VII established the office of Rouge Dragon Pursuivant to mark his coronation with the red dragon of Cadwallader.

The College of Arms has also gone overseas before. Edward VI sent a herald to establish the Ulster King of Arms in Dublin, of all places, in 1552. In 1705 Carolina Herald was appointed, who, in addition to other complicated duties, had special responsibility for the Landgraves and Cassiques of the Carolines. Two heralds extraordinary, one a major-general, the other an Indian prince, were appointed for the Delhi Durbar in 1911.

The latest appointment was suggested by the New Zealand Government, which in 1974 undertook a review of the honours system with Buckingham Palace. The object was to reaffirm the Queen's prerogative as the fount of all honour in New Zealand, and Mr O'Shea was appointed to advise on heraldic matters as they affect that country. As New Zealand's first herald he will now act as the formal channel of communication and liaison between New Zealand and the College of Arms. He will be available for heraldic advice both to New Zealanders and to Buckingham Palace. He will act as deputy for Garter King of Arms in New Zealand.

Although knights are no longer expected to sit on horses wearing suits made by blacksmiths, heraldry continues to thrive. There has been a resurgence of interest in the roots of genealogy and in armory, the art and science of identifying coats of arms. Every emergent nation devotes care and attention to the establishment of its arms and flag.

The landings on the Moon were marked with heraldic ceremonial by both the United States and the Soviet Union. Heraldic and genealogical societies multiply. Since the last war two official herald authorities have been established abroad before the present appointment, in South Africa and Kenya. A Canadian, Dr Conrad Swan, York Herald of Arms, has been appointed to the Queen's College of Arms. This latest appointment of a New Zealand herald is just another chapter in the story of the men in tabards.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr C. A. F. Howard and Miss G. M. T. Dorman**

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of the late Hon John Howard and Mrs N. F. Royal, of Jacaranda, 4 Chiltley Lane, Liphook, Hampshire, and Geraldine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs T. Dorman, of Morley, Derbyshire.

**Mr R. J. Amos and Miss A. C. Robertson**

The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Amos, of Welling, Kent, and Anne, eldest daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs J. Robertson, of Ceres, Fife.

**Mr R. J. Bryant and *Miss C. E. Le R. Caldwell***

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J. Bryant, of Bristol, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. V. Caldwell, of Cambridge, formerly of Belhaven Hill, Dunbar.

**Mr M. J. Squires and Miss J. E. Wilding**

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. P. J. Squires, of Camberley, Surrey, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilding, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Mr W. R. Legard and Miss H. Le Pine**

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between William, younger son of Sir Thomas and Lady Legard, of Scampston Hall, near Malton, North Yorkshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Le Pine, of Little Driffield, East Yorkshire.

**Mr R. A. Allen and Miss V. A. Codling**

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Allen, of Bridge Farm, Long Melford, Suffolk, and Vanessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. S. G. Codling, of Yolsum House, Lane End, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr P. R. Gibson and Miss A. K. Britain**

The engagement is announced between Peter Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. Y. Gibson, of Dunlop, Ayrshire, and Amanda Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rossiter Britain, of The Dower House, West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr R. Stevens and Miss J. Macmillan**

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs N. W. Stevens, of 25 Gloucester Road, Hampton, Middlesex, and Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. S. G. Macmillan, of Knapton Old Hall, North Walsham, Norfolk.

## Memorial service

**Mr G. B. Hoare**

A memorial service for Mr Geoffrey Benyon Hoare was held at the Church of St Mary and St Hugh, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow, Essex, yesterday. The Right Rev S. F. Allison officiated, assisted by the Rev John Beresford Weller. Among those present were:

Mrs Hoare (widow), Mr and Mrs H. G. B. Hoare (son and daughter-in-law), Lord and Lady Cunliffe and Mr and Mrs M. D. Ritchie (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Rosemary Hoare (daughter), grandchildren and other members of the family.

The Vice Lieutenant of Essex, the Earl of Stradbroke, Lord and Lady Walpole, Lord Croft, Sir James Baird, Professor Sir Hedley and Lady Atkins, Sir Henry and Lady Jones, Sir Geoffrey and the Hon Lady Agnew, Lady Whitmore, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Laurence and Lady Sinclair, Major-General and Mrs W. H. D. Ritchie, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W. Gosling, Colonel and Mrs V. S. Laurie, Colonel H. E. Hunter-Jones (The Essex Yeomanry), Mrs Gerald Curtis, Mr and Mrs Henry Douglas Pennant, Mr and Mrs Charles Gifford, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E. H. Deacon, Mr and Mrs Dudley Ward, Mrs Douglas Pelly, Mr R. Bloxam, Mrs Cecil Gosling and representatives of Essex Hunt Club, Aldeburgh Yacht Club and other organizations.

## Dances and cocktail parties, 1978

A list of some of the dances and cocktail parties arranged to take place during 1978 will be published on March 6. It will be revised and repeated on May 1 and again on July 3. The charge for inclusion in one list will be £7; in two lists £8 and in three lists £9. Inquiries should be made to Court and Social Advertising, The Times, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ (telephone 01-837 1234, ext 7363).

## Lord Charteris of Amisfield

The life barony conferred on Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Charteris has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Charteris of Amisfield, of Amisfield in the district of East Lothian.

## Reception

*London Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

Lord Mais, President of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was host at a reception held at the chamber yesterday in honour of the American Ambassador.

## Dinners

**HM Government**

Mr Charles Morris, Minister of State, Civil Service Department, and Mrs Morris were hosts at a dinner held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of M Maurice Ligot, French Minister of State for the Civil Service, and Mme Ligot. Among those present were:

The French Ambassador, Sir Douglas and Lady Allen, Mr Jack Ashley, MP, and Mrs Ashley, Mr Roger Moate, MP, and Mrs Moate, Dr F. H. Allen, Mr and Mrs F. G. Burrett, Mr J. M. Moore and Mr and Mrs P. G. de Courcy-Ireland.

**Frau Kern**

The Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic and Frau Kern were hosts at a dinner at 34 Belgrave Square yesterday evening in honour of Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. Among those present were:

Lady Peart, Lady Goronwy-Roberts, Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Mr John Davies, MP, and Mrs Davies, Mr and Mrs Len Murray, Sir John and Lady Buckley, Mr and Mrs Ron Hayward, Mr and Mrs Curtis Keeble, Mrs Renee Short, MP, and Mr Andrew Short.

**London House**

Mrs Heather Brigstocke, High Mistress of St Paul's Girls' School and a governor of London House for Overseas Graduates, received the guests and residents at a dinner held at London House yesterday evening.

**New Zealand Society**

The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour and a speaker at the New Zealand Society's annual dinner held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel yesterday evening to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Master of the Girdlers' Company and Mr Len Brown, president of the society, who was in the chair, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Lady Carter, the High Commissioner for Fiji and Mrs Gibson, the Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland and Mrs Keating, the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Freeth, the Representative for Nauru and Mrs Weston, the Marquess of Lothian, Viscount Runciman of Doxford, the Chief of the RAF, Lord and Lady Elworthy, Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Ballantrae, Lord Netherthorpe, Lord and Lady Auckland, Sir John Eden, MP, and Lady Eden, Mr David Steel, MP, and Mrs Steel, Lady Norrie, the Hon Annabel Norrie, Sir Anthony Wharton, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian and the Hon Lady Bowater, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Barnett, Vice-Admiral Sir Gordon and Lady Tait, Sir James and Lady Swaffield, Lady McNeil, Mr A. P. Mackintosh, MP, Dr and Mrs Keith Dexter, Mrs L. A. T. Dennis, Mr B. E. Brill, MP (NZ) and Mrs Brill, and Mr W. F. Birch, MP (NZ), and Mrs Birch.

**Lord Harmar-Nicholls**

Lord Harmar-Nicholls entertained members of the Federation of Wholesale and Industrial Distributors at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday.

## Service dinner

**East Midlands Universities Air Squadron**

The annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron was held at Nottingham University last night. The speakers were Air Marshal Sir Peter Terry, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, and Professor B. C. L. Weedon, Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University. Squadron Leader M. Dales presided.

## Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Colonel G. W. N. Palmer to be Lord Lieutenant for Berkshire in succession to Mr J. L. E. Smith, who resigned in January.

Mr Allan Braham to be Keeper and Deputy Director of the National Gallery, in succession to Mr Cecil Gould, who retires on May 31.

Mr David Maland, Head Master of Denstone College, to be High Master of Manchester Grammar School, in succession to Mr Peter Mason, who retires in August.

Dr J. Hurdley, senior anaesthetic registrar at the Royal Gwent Hospital, to be consultant anaesthetist, Birmingham Area Health Authority (teaching), South Birmingham Health District.

Mr J. A. L. Barber, Dr D. A. Bassett, Lord Chorley, Professor J. T. Coppock, Mr J. R. Hollwey, Mr K. J. O'Shaughnessy and Mr A. J. Perry to be members of the Ordnance Survey Review Committee.

Mr Tony Ball to be appointed senior catering adviser responsible for the school meals service at the Department of Education and Science, in succession to Miss Margaret Warrington, who has retired.

# £720 paid for two models of HMV's listening Nipper

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Early recorded music is inseparably connected with the dog, Nipper, who listens to "His Master's Voice" on the company label. Christie's South Kensington yesterday offered an 18-inch papiermâché model of Nipper, which was sold for £200 (estimate £180 to £220) and a silver model of Nipper, complete with his gramophone, which went for £520 (estimate £200 to £300).

The sale of mechanical music, records, domestic and other machines totalled £30,273, with 2 per cent unsold. The top price was paid for an upright coin-in-slot-polyphon, nearly 7ft high, and complete with 20 discs at £2,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). An early Munson typewriter in a bentwood case made £210 (estimate £40 to £60). A miniature gramophone record, 1½ inches in diameter, of "God Save the King", made for Queen Mary's Doll's House, as shown in the 1924 Wembley Exhibition, brought £70. At the time they were the smallest working records that had ever been made and they were sold to the public at 6d.

At Sotheby's yesterday a sale of Old Master paintings made £242,100, with 12 per cent unsold. A small painting on metal by Jan Breughel the Younger brought the top price at £24,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000). It is entitled "A maypole dance outside an inn".

An historic Dutch painting depicting William III of Holland entering the Binnenhof at The Hague, by Dirck Maas, made £8,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000).

Sotheby's sale of coins, medals and banknotes made £64,520, with 1 per cent unsold. The sale included a George II five guineas of 1729 at £1,000 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500), going to Spink.

The sale included a unique facsimile of the Great Seal of England as cut for William IV by Benjamin Wyon in 1831. It is not known why Wyon should have made a facsimile of the seal, which he had designed and which was duly used on official documents. The facsimile was sold for £250 (estimate £400 to £600), a much lower price than had been seen for cancelled seals that have been in use.

Christie's held a sale of orders and decorations, which realized £13,810, with 3 per cent unsold. The highest price was £780 (estimate £550 to 650) paid by Spink for a Trafalgar naval general service medal in fine condition. The Canadian War Museum in Ottawa paid £620 (estimate £400 to £450) for a group of five orders awarded to Major-General Sir Willoughby Ganons Gwatkin who was responsible for recruiting and training the Canadian forces involved in the First World War.

At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of decorative arts 1880-1940 made £70,845, with 4 per cent unsold. A Wiener Werkstatte electroplated metal and glass table lamp made £3,800 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000), going to Martins Forest. The Japanese dealer Kurimoto was buying Galle glass. He paid £2,000 (estimate £800 to £1,200) for an ovoid glass carved with an iris and £1,500 (estimate £600 to £1,200) for a boule-de-neige vase, an irregular glass of bulbous form.

# US will raise half the cost of moving Temple Bar

By a Staff Reporter

At least half of the £500,000 needed to return Temple Bar to the City of London will be raised this year in the United States. Detailed plans for the campaign will be announced at London receptions for senior American lawyers and businessmen working in Britain next week, and Mr Charles A. Bane, the chairman of the American Foundation for Temple Bar, will report on progress in the 18 American cities where fund-raising has started.

The campaign will extend to some Commonwealth countries, including India, Canada and Australia, and Mr Bane will visit New Zealand to promote the project. He will be accompanied by Mr Tyndale Daniell, the British barrister who resigned as administrator of the London-based Temple Bar Trust to become honorary administrator of the American foundation.

The new phase in the American campaign coincides with the centenary of the American Bar Association, and many of the planned fund-raising events will form part of its celebrations, culminating in a convention, which about two thousand British lawyers are expected to attend in New York in August.

American subscribers, whose contributions are tax-deductable, will be given membership privileges by various London institutions.

Temple Bar, a 45ft high triple-arched gateway designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was erected in 1672 at the junction of Fleet Street and the Strand. It was dismantled in 1878 and later reerected by Sir Henry Bruce Meux, the brewer, on his private estate at Theobald's Park, Hertfordshire. It is gravely dilapidated.

The Meux trustees have granted the Temple Bar Trust a five-year option on its purchase, expiring in November, 1981. The trust wants to reerect the gateway in the north-west precincts of St Paul's Cathedral.

# Fuel restrictions helping to save the Acropolis

From Our Own Correspondent
Athens, Feb 8

A ban on the use of high-sulphur fuel for domestic heating in Athens has significantly reduced air pollution levels in the city centre and helped to arrest the decay of the Acropolis monuments.

Dr Spyros Doxiades, Minister of Social Services, announced that since the use of heavy fuel oil (*Mazout*) for heating was banned last October, the amount of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere of Athens had dropped by a half.

The reduction, he said, should diminish the noxious effects of air pollution on public health, on materials, and particularly on ancient marble monuments, which have been badly eroded by acid rain.

The government ban forced Athenian householders to switch from inexpensive *Mazout*, which contains about 4 per cent of sulphur, to a lighter fuel with a maximum sulphur content of 1 per cent.

Dr Doxiades said that the use of better quality fuel for city buses had also slightly lowered motor exhaust pollution in the atmosphere.

The ban on *Mazout* came after a survey by World Health Organization (WHO) experts had destroyed the myth that air pollution in Athens was caused mainly by windblown emissions from coastal industries. The survey showed that in winter 70 per cent of sulphur dioxide pollution was caused by domestic heating.

Now the Greek Government, with the help of the WHO, is studying the feasibility of an alarm system to check the industrial pollution as well.

The main industrial zone, where heavy fuel oil is still used, is west of Athens. The prevailing winds usually carry the emission out to sea, but when a westerly wind blows, the discharge is carried towards central Athens.

## Church news

**Appointments**

The Rev P. H. Dearden, Vicar of St Leonard's, Langho, and Chaplain to Brockhall Hospital, diocese of Blackburn, to be Team Rector of St Peter's, Darwen, with St Paul's, Hoddlesden, same diocese.

The Rev G. Elliott, Team Vicar of Tenbury Wells, diocese of Hereford, to be Rector of Culmington with Onibury and Vicar of Bromfield and Stanton Lacy, same diocese.

The Rev D. C. Gooderham, Rector of Rattlesden and Drinkstone and Rural Dean of Lavenham, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Vicar of St Michael with St Augustine's, Beckenham, diocese of Rochester.

The Rev W. J. Gull, Vicar of St Lawrence's, Mansfield, diocese of Southwell, to be Rector of Holy Trinity, Lambley, same diocese, and part-time Chaplain of HM borstal at Lowdham Grange.

The Rev C. H. Harrison, senior diocesan youth officer, diocese of York, to be Vicar of Osbaldwick with Murton also.

The Rev D. Henley, priest-in-charge of St Clare's, Leigh Park, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Rector of All Saints', Freshwater, Isle of Wight, same diocese.

The Rev D. R. Herbert, curate of Sheffield Manor Team Ministry, diocese of Sheffield, to be Team Vicar of Gleadless Valley Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev A. J. Irwin, priest-in-charge of Shalford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of Wethersfield and Shalford, same diocese.

The Rev C. G. Scott, Vicar of Christ Church, Frome, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar of St Thomas the Apostle, Winchelsea, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev E. Vevers, Vicar of St Mary's, Ealing, diocese of London, to be Vicar of All Saints', Sidmouth, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev T. G. A. Woodorson, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Rowner, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Rector of St Mary Magdalene with St Olave, St John and St Luke, Bermondsey, diocese of Southwark.

**Diocese of Bath and Wells**

The following rural deans have been appointed:

Quantock: the Rev R. M. Barnett, Vicar of Watchet. Frome: the Rev P. J. Riley, Rector of Rode Major. Taunton North: the Rev D. J. Saville, Vicar of St James's, Taunton.

The Rev P. J. Pengelly, curate of Midsomer Norton, to be Vicar of Stogursey with Fiddington.

The Rev J. R. L. Scammell, Vicar of Crowcombe, to be Vicar of Bicknoller with Crowcombe and Sampford Brett.

The Rev A. E. N. Molesworth, curate-in-charge of High Ham with Low Ham and canon emeritus of Swaziland, the Rev R. C. P. Terrell, curate-in-charge of Drayton and Muchelney, and the Rev P. R. W. Tomlinson, Vicar of Barrow Gurney, to be team vicars in Langport Area Churches' Team Ministry.

**Diocese of Bristol**

The Rev P. Chambers, youth chaplain for the Bristol Archdeaconry, to be Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Bedminster.

The Rev D. D. Holloway, Vicar of Bitton, to be Team Vicar in the East Bristol Team Ministry.

**Diocese of Canterbury**

The Rev M. J. Chandler, curate of St John the Baptist, Thanet, to be Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Newington, with St Bartholomew's Bobbing, and All Saints', Iwade.

The Rev W. F. Sheppard, Rector of St Peter and St Paul's, Charlton, Dover, to be Rector of St John the Baptist, Tunstall.

**Diocese of Guildford**

The following to be honorary canons of Guildford Cathedral: the Rev J. Broughall, director of the diocesan council for social responsibility; the Rev R. C. A. Carey, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Claygate; the Rev J. G. Edwards, Rector of St Nicholas's, Great Bookham.

The Rev A. N. Kelly, Vicar of New Haw, to be Vicar of Egham Hythe.

**Diocese of Leicester**

The Rev K. A. Boyce, curate of Evington, diocese of Leicester to be priest-in-charge of Great Bowden with Welham and stewardship assistant in the diocese.

The Rev P. J. Casswell, Rector of Buckhurst Hill, Chaplain of Forest Hospital and honorary canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, to be Rector of Lutterworth with Cotesbach.

The Rev A. T. Green, Warden of Launde Abbey, to be honorary canon of Leicester Cathedral.

Canon Alan Christopher Warren, diocesan missioner, Coventry, to be Provost of Leicester Cathedral.

**Diocese of London**

The Rev M. F. Goddard, curate of St Barnabas's, Northolt Park, to be priest-in-charge of St Peter's, Acton.

The Rev E. H. Jones, Rector of Ashprington and Vicar of Cornworthy, diocese of Exeter, to be Rector of St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney.

The Rev R. A. Mason, priest-in-charge of Westbury, Yockleton and Great Wollaston, diocese of Hereford, to be Vicar of St Mary's, Willesden.

The Rev B. Oakley, Vicar of Holy Rood, Crofton, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar of All Saints', Edmonton.

The Rev C. C. Taylor, Vicar of St Barnabas's Temple Fortune, to be a prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral.

**Diocese of Oxford**

The Rev C. M. C. Brake, Vicar of Holy Trinity, North Shields, diocese of Newcastle, to be Vicar of Hanslope and Castlethorpe.

The Rev L. L. Burn, Chaplain of Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, has withdrawn from his appointment as Team Vicar in the Swan Group of parishes. He remains chaplain.

The Rev M. M. Fitzwilliams, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, to be Team Pastor of Beaconsfield.

**Diocese of Ripon**

The Rev H. Garside, Vicar of Manston and Rural Dean of Whitkirk, to be honorary canon of Ripon Cathedral.

The Rev R. P. Greenwood, minor canon and succentor of Ripon Cathedral, to be Vicar of Halton, Leeds.

**Diocese of Wakefield**

The Rev S. M. Hind, Vicar of Carleton and East Hardwick, to be Vicar of St Peter's, Morley with Churwell.

The Rev M. Storey, curate of Illingworth, to be Vicar of St John's, Rastrick.

## Latest wills

Mr Richard Wright, of Liverpool, left £214,273 net. After personal bequests he left the residue to the RNIB for its Liverpool branch.

Mr John Dudley Kenny, of Whitchurch, Salop, left £14,908 net. After bequests of £550 he left the residue to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, London.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid: tax not disclosed):

Chenevix-Trench, Miss Frances Melesina, of Westminster .. £168,059

Clark, Mr John Douglas, of Majorca, estate in England and Wales .. .. .. £168,293

Young, Mr Frank, of Scarborough .. .. .. £524,314

## University news

**Liverpool**

Dr D. A. Ritchie, BSc(Leic), PhD(Lond), senior lecturer in virology, Glasgow University, has been appointed to the chair of genetics in succession to the late professor P. M. Sheppard.

**Southampton**

Dr P. Smith DPhil(Oxon), lecturer in history, at King's College London, has been appointed to the chair of modern history with effect from October 1.

## Dr Coggan has cold

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, cancelled engagements in Reading yesterday because of a heavy cold.

# OBITUARY

## MARGIT ANGERER

### Career in Viennese opera

Margit Angerer, a favourite soprano in Vienna during the inter-war years, died on January 31 at her London home. She was 74.

She was born Margit von Rupp in Budapest, and studied singing at the conservatorium there. Marriage with a prosperous businessman took her to Vienna, where society admired her tall, slender grace and striking good looks, as well as the charm of her singing at private soirées. Viennese gossips' tongues wagged busily when it was known that the lovely "Manci" Schenker was engaged to make her debut at the Vienna State Opera but she duly triumphed as Margit Angerer, in Franz Werfel's new version of Verdi's *La forza del destino*, singing the part of Leonora to the Alvaro of Alfred Piccaver.

Between that debut (November 1926) and 1938, after which (never having enjoyed a strong constitution) she retired from the operatic stage, Angerer was admired in a wide range of roles, ranging from the Iphigenia of Gluck (at Salzburg) to Puccini's Mimi and Tosca, and including Rosalinde in *Die Fledermaus*, the lighter Wagner soprano roles, *Dorotka* in Weinberger's then new *Schwanda the Bagpiper*, Antonia in *Tales of Hoffmann*, and Lisa in Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades*. Her speciality was Richard Strauss, the Composer in *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Aithra in *The Egyptian Helen*, above all Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier* which she also sang at the Salzburg Festival and in 1931 at Covent Garden with the classic cast of Lotte Lehmann, Elisabeth Schumann and Richard Mayr, Bruno Walter conducting.

As an operatic soprano, Angerer won fame for the delicacy and moving expressiveness of her vocal artistry, and the natural charm and vitality of her personality on stage, as well as for her striking physical beauty; her voice, not strong in the middle register, nor large in size when matched against a noisy post-Wagnerian orchestra, was of pure and lovely quality, as records of duets with Piccaver from *Tosca* can still confirm.

Strauss and Hofmannsthal, considering her as a serious alternative to Jeritza and Rethberg for the title-role in *Die Ägyptische Helena* at its Dresden premier (Angerer found the part too heavy and eventually sang Aithra in Vienna), agreed that she "combines an increasingly beautiful voice with real ability as an actress." Hofmannsthal considered her "the first wholly satisfactory" Octavian since *Der Rosenkavalier* was written.

In 1938 she and her husband, Stephan Karpeles-Schenker left Vienna, under the shadow of the Nazis, and thereafter made their home in London.

## MISS WENDY BARRIE

Miss Wendy Barrie, the film actress, who played the part of Jane Seymour, one of Henry VIII's wives in Alexander Korda's well-remembered film of the 1930s, *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, has died in Englewood, New Jersey. She was 65.

She was born in April, 1912. Her father was a barrister in Hongkong and she spent some years there. After the success of the Korda film, in which Charls Laughton starred, Wendy Barrie went to Hollywood and appeared in a number of films, including *Dead End*, something of a landmark at the time, with Humphrey Bogart, Claire Trevor, Joel McCrea and the Dead End Kids playing leading parts. Her other films did not perhaps win her the acclaim she must have hoped for and one of her last appearances was in a Judy Holliday film, *It Should Happen to You* (1954). However, Wendy Barrie made an undoubted success of her work in various spheres of television, notably in advertisements and then in more than one series of popular "talk shows".

## M JACQUES CHASTENET

M Jacques Chastenet de Castaing, the French author, historian and member of the Académie française, died on February 7. He was 84.

Chastenet, whose father, Guillaume Chastenet de Castaing was a French Senator, studied law, literature and political science at the University of Paris before joining the French diplomatic service after the First World War. In 1924 he joined the daily newspaper, *L'Opinion* and was its diplomatic correspondent before becoming in 1930 co-editor of *Le Temps*.

The author of some 20 historical books, Chastenet was a great friend of Britain. Eight of his books were devoted to British history and included *Wellington* (1945); *Le Siècle de Victoria* (1947); and *Winston Churchill et l'Angletere du XX Siècle* (1956). He also wrote a seven volume history of the Third Republic.

He won the Croix de Guerre in the First World War and was made a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour in 1908. He was elected to the Académie française in 1956 and in 1938 had been made an hon CBE.

## SIR OLIVER CROSTHWAITE-EYRE

Lord Boyd-Carpenter writes:

Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre, whose death in Rhodesia you report, was remarkable among his many other qualities for his unshakable courage and absolute sincerity. War service with the Royal Marines speaks for itself. And service with that small body of Conservative Members who fought the huge Labour majority in the Parliament of 1945 called for equal determination and perhaps even more stamina. He spared no-one, including some of his own leaders, in pursuing what he thought right. And only a man with stout nerves would have taken up residence in Rhodesia in the last year or two.

He cared intensely for his large and high-spirited family, for his country, for his Church, and for the great enterprises for which he was responsible. His marriage was a perfect one, and many hearts go out at this moment to the wife who was the strong and steady partner of his life for nearly forty years.

## MR TURNER LAYTON

Mr Turner Layton, of the well-liked cabaret and music hall act Layton and Johnstone, died on February 6. He was 83.

The partnership—they were a singing duo with Layton at the keyboard—broke up in 1935, but Layton continued to perform on his own accompanying himself on the piano. Clarence Johnstone died in obscurity in the United States in 1953.

Turner Layton was born in Washington and made his first appearance on the stage in 1920. Later he met Johnstone and, finding that their styles blended happily together they built up an act which they brought to London in 1924 where they were well received singing songs of light humour or of sentiment like "It Ain't Gonna Rain no More."

They broadcast on numerous occasions in BBC radio programmes, and made many records among them "River Stay away from My Door" and "We'll all go Riding on a Rainbow".

Lady Braithewaite widow of Lieutenant-Commander Sir Gurney Braithewaite, first and last baronet, sometime MP for Bristol NW, died on February 6. She was Emily Victoria, daughter of A. M. Lomax and she married Sir Gurney Braithewaite as his second wife in 1932. He died in 1958.

Dr Oskar Weihs, the Austrian Minister of Agriculture from 1970 to 1976, died at the age of 66.

Imre Pallo, the Hungarian opera singer, died on January 25 at the age of 87.

## MR A. S. F. GOW

Mr J. M. Goldfinch writes:

Your recent biographical sketch of A. S. F. Gow very properly emphasized the friendship between Gow and Housman, both rather idiosyncratic and sometimes lonely individuals but, surprisingly, made no mention of the fact that Gow produced a Life of his friend. The book, which appeared shortly after its subject's death, gives a sensitive and sympathetic, but not uncritical, picture of Housman and is likely to remain the one piece of Gow's work that reveals his true quality to a wide audience.

## Science report

# Astronomy: New light from stars

New insights into the life history of stars have recently come from observations that many astronomers thought were impossible. Nowadays telescopes can detect many kinds of stellar radiation outside the visible spectrum, and infrared and X-ray astronomy, for example, have provided invaluable information. But the extreme ultraviolet (light whose wavelength falls between that of X-rays and the near ultraviolet that causes sun tan) has remained inaccessible. It is that range that has now been explored by a team of scientists led by Professor Stuart Bowyer at the University of California.

The wavelength of light emitted by a star depends on the temperature of the surface of that star. The Sun gives out most of its light in the visible region, but the radiation from hotter stars appears at shorter wavelengths. Measurements at ultraviolet wavelengths are essential, therefore, for determining the total energy output of hot stars and other properties vital to an understanding of stellar evolution. Newly formed stars have very high surface temperatures and many cool stars are surrounded by hot outer atmospheres.

Astronomers had thought that it would be impossible to detect the extreme ultraviolet given off by young stars, because clouds of gas in space would absorb light at that wavelength and prevent it from reaching the earth. But they were wrong: stars emitting ultraviolet radiation have now been detected from the Apollo-Soyuz spacecraft.

The discovery was made by means of a telescope built by Professor Bowyer and his team, for which he has been given the highest scientific award by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States.

The experiment on the American-Soviet space mission has so far detected a total of five stars emitting in the extreme ultraviolet, in spite of fears that the radiation at that wavelength would be stopped by the clouds of hydrogen in space.

That means that the amount of interstellar gas in the region of the solar system is much less than expected. Either the gas is unexpectedly thin or it occurs only in patches. More observations will be needed to tell which of those possibilities is the case. But the experiments have already emphasized a point of view accepted by every explorer: if an unexplored region is believed to be empty, you should still take a look.

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y measure, the situa- own to have worsened he third and fourth a rise in the index represents a fall in competitiveness), after a steady weakening in the earlier months of last year. Indeed, the IMF index shows a 41 per cent increase in "relative normal unit labour costs".

This is almost exactly equivalent to the rise in the pound's exchange rate, and suggests, therefore, that the domestically-generated rise in labour costs was being kept broadly in line with what was happening elsewhere in the world.

However, in spite of latest rapid worsening in cost competitiveness, the IMF index still puts the present situation in the best light.

Whereas the other indices show that during 1977 Britain lost all the competitive edge gained during 1976 when the pound was falling, the IMF index suggests that some of the competitive gains achieved then have still not been totally eroded.

The Government is taking some comfort from this fact. It is being argued by economics ministers that we still have some margin to spare before the situation is as bad as it was two years ago.

Yet many economists will take newly published figures as a confirmation that the policy of letting the pound rise was mistaken because of the damage that it does to exports, output and jobs.

However, as holding the exchange rate down threatened another plank of the Government's economic policy, namely keeping a tight rein on the money supply, the Chancellor has argued that Britain will have to maintain competitiveness through a moderation in wage settlements.

To this end, the rise in the exchange rate has helped by keeping prices lower than they would otherwise have been.

**EASURES OF COMPETITIVENESS OF UK MANUFACTURED GOODS,**
**(1970-100)**

| Relative export prices (1) | Import price competitiveness (2) | Relative wholesale (3) prices | Relative normal unit labour costs (4) | Relative profitability of exports (5) |
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| 102.2 | 104.2 | 106.9 | 103.1 | 104.6 |
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| 94.1 | 98.5 | 90.8 | 91.8 | 101.9 |
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ter figures represent Treasury estimates.

# Uncertain future for restraint on dividends

By Richard Allen

Prospects for an end to dividend restraint when legislation runs out this summer remain in the balance following a parliamentary statement yesterday by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In answer to a private question on the future of controls from Mr Robert Cant, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central, Mr Healey said "It is too early yet to consider whether any legislation on dividends might be needed as part of the counter inflation policy when the present one comes to an end."

But Mr Healey did clear up doubts about the existing exemption rules. He said: "If, however, there were to be new legislation, I would propose to continue the existing provisions relating to the raising of new capital and to defence against takeover bids, as well as the other provisions whereby companies may pay dividends above the statutory limit."

This resolves what was seen to be an extremely awkward position for several groups involved in takeover battles or currently planning rights issues. As current legislation runs out on July 31, the Treasury has hitherto been unable to give official approval to any increase payable after that date.

As a result there was no guarantee that proposed increases would not be blocked by any new set of controls. Given the present political balance, there are strong doubts about the Government's ability even to continue existing controls, as these would require a new Act of Parliament.

But in the meantime Mr Healey's remarks on exemption provisions will be seen by private industry as a welcome indication that the Government is at least aware of the difficulties its present rules can create.

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# British Gas heads for £100m profit

By Roger Vielvoye

British Gas is heading for a record profit of around £100m in the current financial year that ends in March.

As a result, consumers who were confronted with an unexpected 10 per cent rise in prices on government orders last April, are unlikely to face any immediate rise in gas costs once the corporation's 12 month freeze on tariff increases ends in the spring.

Last year the gas corporation made £31.5m, itself a record, even after allowing for £102m of additional depreciation. In the current year the corporation has found conditions excellent with Frigg gas entering its distribution network for the first time and commanding prices in the industrial fuel market that are competitive with fuel oils.

Also, the cold weather has improved gas sales, and providing there is not an unseasonably warm March, it should not be deflected from reaching the £100m figure.

The only fact that could affect the corporation's performance in the last six weeks of the financial year is the outcome of talks with the oil companies that control the gas-fields in the southern part of the North Sea, providing the bulk of the country's supplies.

The companies want higher prices to justify installing new facilities on established fields to boost the amount of gas recovered from the submarine reservoirs.

Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, told the House of Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries yesterday that the corporation should achieve a 4 per cent return on its turnover this year.

The corporation, he said, had suggested in talks with the Treasury that this figure should be established as an annual target for the industry. At present it only had an undertaking to break even.

Asked why British Gas was not basing its future pricing policy on the likely long run marginal costs of gas, Sir Denis said he expected gas prices to rise steadily in line with inflation.

While Sir Denis was speaking a document recommended that energy issued a document for the Energy Commission which recommended that energy prices should reflect long term trends in costs to guide customers on long term investment and to indicate to energy producers the capacity needed.

It said that the role of prices was to reflect in energy demand the changes that are taking place in the costs and patterns of production "neither stimulating additional production capacity or demand in areas where it cannot be sustained, nor forcing contraction in areas where it will later need expanding".



Sir Denis Rooke: 4 per cent return on turnover.

# Engineering unions likely to back compromise pay proposals today

By R. W. Shakespeare

Leaders of the country's 19 engineering unions who will meet in York today seem likely to support "compromise" demands on pay and conditions for the industry's 1.25 million workers that could prevent another collapse of negotiations to secure a new national wage agreement.

The engineering negotiating committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions originally tabled a claim with the Engineering Employers Federation, aimed at lifting the present minimum basic rates of £42 a week for skilled men and £33.60 for unskilled to £70 for skilled workers with proportionate increases for other grades.

This claim, coupled with demands for a shorter working week of 35 hours, improved holidays, overtime and shift working rates, and a number of other "fringe" benefits, was rejected by the employers, who have since offered an increase in the skilled rate to £57 a week, with proportionate rises for other workers.

For a time it looked as if this would be bound to lead to a complete breakdown of the national negotiations, and that the industry would be forced once again to return to single-tier wage bargaining at company and plant level. This has happened twice before during phases one and two of the government incomes policy.

Nevertheless, both the unions and employers want to maintain the national wage-bargaining structure. The unions' executive is especially keen to see a more "realistic" level of basic rates enshrined in an industry-wide agreement.

The national negotiations may have been salvaged by a decision of the AUEW's policy-making national committee to drop its insistence on the £70 minimum skilled rate and to lower the target to £60 a week.

Although the employers have refused to budge on the claims for a shorter working week and longer holidays, they have offered some significant concessions in other areas, including the basis on which overtime and shift work premiums are calculated.

With only £3 a week separating the two sides on the skilled rate—provided that the Confederation adopts the AUEW line today—it seems that a new national deal can be concluded within the next few weeks.

It would be due for implementation from March 1 but individual companies would have to put it into effect as the anniversary dates of their own current pay agreements were reached in order to avoid breaches of the 12-month rule.

# Miners' pay plan rallies the markets

By Alison Mitchell

Gilts and equities bounced back yesterday in some hectic after-hours trading, after the miners' leaders decision to settle within the Government's pay guidelines and the Chancellor's hint that there would be no electioneering in the spring Budget.

Gilt-edged securities jumped as much as £2 at the longer end while the FT Ordinary share index went ahead in the late afternoon to close at 468.4, a net gain of 4.7.

Tuesday's disappointing banking figures, which had been overhanging the equity and gilt markets appear, now to have been fully discounted and some dealers were showing confidence that the rally could continue to the end of the week.

Late inter-office trading added four to five pence to many leading shares as buying orders of between 25,000 and 30,000 indicated institutional support.

Treasury bill rates also had a volatile session. At one point trading indicated that minimum lending rate could rise as high as 8 per cent tomorrow. But by the close the levels were on course for a "same again" 6½ per cent.

**Pound rallies:** After losing a cent earlier in the day, and dropping 0.5 points on the effective rate index, sterling picked up to close down 10 points against the dollar at 1.9335. The effective rate index for the pound closed down 0.3 points on the day at 66.0.

The French franc continued to recover, to reach 4.8875 against the dollar. This leaves its dollar value about 3 per cent less than before last week's slide.

The dealers cited rumours of a new opinion poll showing support for the French Government, and of an agreement on stabilization between Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor and M Giscard d'Estaing, the French President, as positive factors for the franc.

The dollar firmed in fairly thin trading against the Deutsche mark and Swiss franc as New York stock exchange opened again after Tuesday's snow storm.

**Iceland devaluation:** Iceland yesterday announced a 1.5 per cent devaluation of its currency, the krona. Financial circles had regarded the move as inevitable following last Sunday's suspension of foreign currency trading by the Icelandic Central Bank. The krona has recently traded at around 215 to the United States dollar.

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# Exxon laser puts a tiger in the atom pile

A major advance in the enrichment of uranium appears to have been made by Exxon Nuclear, the Seattle-based subsidiary of Exxon the United States oil group which could have profound effects on the uranium industry and the spread of nuclear weapons.

A spokesman for Exxon Nuclear said yesterday that laboratory tests on the use of lasers in the enrichment of uranium had been successful enough for the company to decide to build a pilot test plant. He confirmed that the United States Government had recently placed the project on the secret list.

He denied that the company had made a breakthrough in new technology and claimed that the secrecy imposed by the United States Government was because of its fear of proliferation of nuclear weapons "which we frankly don't believe exists".

However, the very fact that the company is committing itself to the expensive process of setting up a pilot plant suggests that if has found, at least in theory, the way to apply laser technology to the enrichment of uranium.

If the pilot plant tests are successful, the spokesman thought the laser process would be used in tandem with the centrifuge process, which currently leaves considerable waste.

If Exxon is successful its process could revolutionize the uranium enrichment process. But it also raises the spectre of rapid proliferation of nuclear weapons if countries without enrichment facilities could obtain the necessary technology.

Theoretically, once lasers have been harnessed to work in tandem with the centrifuge process, it would be a relatively small step to use them for the whole of the enrichment process.

The current enrichment processes—gaseous diffusion or centrifuge—are vastly expensive, very energy intensive and require large plants. The laser process could alter all this and make weapons-grade material easily and relatively cheaply available.

Widespread use of the process could lead to a substantial decline in demand for uranium and pose a question-mark over the need for reprocessing facilities, such as Windscale.

Under the two existing enrichment processes, according to London stockbrokers W. I. Carr, between 35 per cent to 45 per cent of the fissile isotope U235 is uneconomic to recover, and is therefore lost. While the laser process would not be 100 per cent perfect, it would cut down the losses dramatically and thus cut down the demand for U308.

At present there is good demand for uranium. However, the world-wide nuclear power station programme has been slowing down recently, while there are several major uranium deposits in Australia waiting for government permission to be developed.

Also, what appears to be a major new uranium deposit has recently been uncovered in Australia's Northern Territory.

The possibility of a more efficient enrichment process being introduced in the next decade at the time of large new mines in Australia coming on stream could cause a glut of U308. At the same time, since there would be more enriched uranium available, there would be less need for the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel from power stations.

Desmond Quigley

# Opec countries become net fund borrowers

Basle, Feb 8.—For the first time since the 1973 oil price rise, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) have become net borrowers of new funds from the international banking system, it is shown by data compiled by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

In the third quarte rof 1977, the Opec group of countries borrowed $2,200m (about £1,146m) in new funds, and deposited only $400m.

Moreover, the BIS said, the Opec countries also restructured their balances with banks, moving some funds out of dollars into other currencies. They reduced their deposits—probably all in dollars—with branches of American banks in the Caribbean centres and the Far East by $900m.

They also drew down their deposits with banks in the European Group of Ten countries by $200m, and at the same time built u ptheir non-dollar deposits in these countries by $1,400m.—AP—Dow Jones.

# Prices panel warning of increase in applications

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

The flatter trend in the inflation rate, as reflected in the Price Commission's early warning index, continued in January when the index showed a 6 per cent annual rate, the same as in the previous month.

But the rate could go up in the coming months as the effect comes through of an increased number of companies putting through what in some cases may be substantial price rises.

Mr Charles Williams, chairman of the commission, gave warning last night: "I would expect the index to move around or rather above the present figure for a month or two."

He said that what happened after that depended above all on the progress of wage settlements. There was no escaping the fact that settlements outside the government guidelines would lead to companies notifying price increases to recover the extra costs.

The index—usually a reliable advance indicator of what will happen to prices in the shops in two to three months' time—had been falling for months until it bottomed out in November last year at 5.8 per cent.

One reason why the index could move up in the next couple of months is that the effects have now largely worked through of the low level of price notifications during August and September, immediately after the new Price Commission began operating.

The index is based on price notifications and represents the percentage change in a six month period expressed as an annual rate. And the period of few notifications will soon cease to be reflected in the six month averages.

Average monthly figures for price increases between August and October were running at only 215 compared with 578 for the previous months of last year.

Many companies were obviously holding off as long as possible before putting through price rises and running the gauntlet of the Commission's new powers of investigation into company pricing policies and a company's general efficiency.

But costs pressures are now forcing more and more to act. Given the policy of both the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection as well as the Price Commission in encouraging a 12 month gap between price rises, the increases sought could also be substantial. This reinforces the likelihood of a rise in the Commission index.

As more companies come in for price rises there will be a big test of the Commission's ability to bring pressure to bear on companies to keep down the scale of the rises despite the policy of the longer gaps between rises.

# Food groups attack 12-month price pauses

By Patricia Tisdall

Resistance is growing among food and other consumer goods producers to government suggestions that there should be an interval of no less than 12 months between price increases. The Food Manufacturers Federation, in particular has pointed out during informal discussions with the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection that it would be difficult for its members to give any fixed commitment on intervals between price increases.

The food producers say they are experiencing unusually acute competitive pressures as a result of the price war at present being fought between Tesco, Sainsbury and the other big grocery retailers. Also, they are at the mercy of wide fluctuations in the fresh food and commodity markets, which are outside their control.

There is a wide divergency of opinion among food producing companies about the commercial wisdom of applying fewer, but larger price rise steps. There is a belief that steeper price increases, even though these were at less frequent intervals, could create stronger resistance from consumers and offer opportunities for competitors.

The food producers say that competitive pressures alone are sufficient to keep price increases to a minimum. They regard the Price Commission's role as unnecessary.

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Sale of the ships will be financed out of Britain's £144m annual aid programme to India, which means that the Indians will get them for practically nothing. The deal will also help to preserve British shipbuilding jobs.

Dutch complaints come mainly from two Rotterdam shipbuilding groups, Rotterdamse Sheepsbouw Vereniging and Van der Giessen-de-Noord, which had themselves been trying for months to secure the Indian deal, but on normal commercial terms.

The Dutch have also been alarmed by reports that Britain is considering giving aid worth up to £25m to Vietnam mainly for the purpose of enabling Austin & Pickersgill of Sunderland to sell between two and five SD 14 cargo vessels to the Vietnamese.

Unfavourable comparisons are drawn between this large sum, linked to the purchase of British ships, and the minimal amount of aid Britain has provided hitherto to the newly unified Vietnam (about £25m worth of food and medical equipment). Dutch aid totals almost 10 times this amount.

Although some thought has been given by the Dutch to seeking the intervention of the European Commission, it appears that the use of aid to finance deals of this kind is not illegal under the Rome Treaty.

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# Inquiry into Fourth City

Fourth City & Commercial Investment Trust, whose quotation was suspended last July, is to be investigated by Department of Trade inspectors.

Mr Dell, Secretary for Trade, has appointed Mr John Christopher Calthorpe Blofeld, QC, and Mr Brian Murdich Currie, FCA, to carry out the investigation into Fourth City, and also into Cambramain and Exelads, under Section 164 of the Companies Act, 1948.

Another company linked with Fourth City, Systematic Tooling, will be investigated under Section 165 (b) of the Act. Systematic Tooling went into liquidation last July.

Less than two months before Fourth City was suspended, Mr R. J. Wheeler, the chairman, told shareholders that businesses which constituted the principal underlying investment of the company were engaged in a reconstruction.

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the deal involves e of control of without a full bid e, it has aroused criticism within although a majority ional shareholders l to wait for details.

However, it is thought that a shareholder has asked for a meeting of the full Takeover Panel to decide whether Allegheny's action in buying a 29.9 per cent stake from Swedish Match and then agreeing to sell a subsidiary to gain voting control is within the letter and spirit of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

Speculation is that Allegheny may make a full bid to quieten opposition or that it will sell its existing holding to a third party which intends to make an offer itself.

Mr Christopher Lewinton, managing director of Wilkinson Match, said he would put all such suggestions in the category of rumours.

"Unfortunately this arrangement with Allegheny has led to a fair amount of interest.

A spokesman for Allegheny Ludlum in Pittsburgh said: "We are not aware that the deal is in trouble in any way. No one, so far as I know, has made any offer for [illegible]

# How the markets moved

The Times index: 196.76 +1.14
The FT index: 468.4 +4.7

**Rises**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ass Book | 9p to 177p | Lucas Ind | 7p to 263p |
| Beecham | 5p to 635p | Nthgate Explor | 13p to 268p |
| Fisons | 10p to 373p | Bank Org Grd | 6p to 252p |
| Foster Bros | 5p to 88p | Shell Trans | 7p to 503p |
| Gen Mtr EDR | 5p to 145p | Telephone Rent | 5p to 130p |
| ICL | 8p to 253p | Thorn Elec | 6p to 360p |
| Linfood Hldgs | 5p to 148p | Trust Houses F | 9p to 186p |

**Falls**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anglo Am Coal | 10p to 440p | Imp Cold Store | 10p to 85p |
| Decca | 15p to 415p | Kloof | 18p to 460p |
| Doornfontein | 21p to 254p | Libanon | 31p to 454p |
| Durban Rood | 19p to 338p | Middle Wits | 10p to 145p |
| E Driefontein | 34p to 599p | Southvaal | 22p to 460p |
| E Rand Prop | 19p to 349p | Western Areas | 13p to 204p |
| Harmony | 28p to 359p | Winkelhaak | 22p to 609p |

Equities raffled after hours.
Gilt edged securities shot ahead.
Dollar premium 76.125 per cent (effective rate 30.43 per cent).
Sterling lost 10 pts to $1.9335. The effective exchange rate index was at 66.0.
Gold lost $0.75 to $174.625 per ounce.
SDR-$ was 1.21190 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.629820.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1402.3 (previous 1398.1).

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**THE POUND**

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.755 | 1.705 |
| Austria Sch | 30.50 | 28.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 65.25 | 62.25 |
| Canada $ | 2.20 | 2.14 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.35 | 10.95 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.90 | 7.60 |
| France Fr | 9.70 | 9.35 |
| Germany Dm | 4.24 | 4.02 |
| Greece Dr | 73.50 | 70.00 |
| Hongkong $ | 9.20 | 8.75 |
| Italy Lr | 1,760.00 | 1,685.00 |
| Japan Yn | 490.00 | 465.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.53 | 4.31 |
| Norway Kr | 10.16 | 9.80 |
| Portugal Esc | 82.50 | 78.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 1.95 | 1.80 |
| Spain Pes | 164.50 | 157.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 9.25 | 8.90 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.95 | 3.73 |
| US $ | 1.99 | 1.93 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 39.75 | 37.50 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

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# New moves to end dispute at Triumph

By R. W. Shakespeare

New moves to try to end one of British Leyland's longest and costliest strikes were made yesterday when senior management and shop stewards from the Triumph car plant on Merseyside met for fresh talks.

Last night the shop stewards were holding a separate meeting, and this is expected to be followed by a mass meeting of the strikers later this week.

The strike by 2,000 workers has stopped all production at the Speke plant in Liverpool, where TR7 output is based, since November 1 of last year. It has also stopped output of Dolomite cars at the Coventry assembly lines which rely on the Merseyside plant for car body pressings.

Long before the walk-out at Speke there was rumbling unrest over proposed new manning and production schedules which resulted from a long series of studies made by industrial engineers, and in all Leyland has lost production of cars worth almost £100m.

The walk-out came when, after eight months of negotiations, the company decided to put the new working arrangements into operation. Shop stewards immediately claimed that this was a breach of local agreements, and they still refuse to accept the company's ruling on reduced manning levels.

Yesterday's talks, it is thought, were a final effort by the stewards to win some concession from the company on manning levels before calling a meeting—the first since soon after the strike began—at which a vote will be taken on whether or not to continue the stoppage.

All the indications are that Leyland—and in particular its new chairman Mr Michael Edwards—are not prepared to compromise.

Leyland has maintained throughout the strike that it took its plans through all stages of the agreed negotiating procedures before putting them into effect, admittedly in the face of a failure to reach a satisfactory agreement at plant level.

# Denial of need for missile link in Vietnam ship deal talks

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Executives of British Shipbuilders left yesterday for talks on a £25m shipbuilding deal with Vietnam. Officials of the state shipbuilding corporation flatly denied that the Vietnamese had indicated in earlier discussions that they wanted the decks of the ships specially strengthened to accommodate missile systems, but speculation has continued.

However, it is known that British Shipbuilders, in cooperation with Ministry of Defence naval architects and technical experts have been working on a design for a hybrid merchant ship which could be offered to developing countries. In recent months discussions have been taking place with a potential customer, but difficulties have arisen because the customer has indicated that if it bought the ships from Britain, it would want to incorporate a missile system manufactured in Israel.

This demand clearly poses a major problem for Britain which has placed great emphasis on developing its trade with the Arab world. If Britain were to incorporate the Israeli missile system, it would immediately expose the United Kingdom shipbuilding industry to blacklisting by the Arab boycott office.

The identity of the potential customer has not been disclosed, but if it emerged that it was the Communist regime in Vietnam, it would spark off a major row in Parliament, coming so soon after the much criticized deal with Poland, and the six ship deal with India—expected to be confirmed shortly—where Britain is providing £52m development aid to the Indian government in order to buy the ships.

Yesterday, officials from Austin & Pickersgill and Mr John Parker, the company's former managing director, left for Hanoi for further talks on a possible deal to either three or five SD14 cargo ships worth £15m to £25m.

The Communist government's interest in the SD14—the world's most successful standard design cargo ship—stems from an international shipping exhibition in Norway last summer. Austin & Pickersgill believes that the financial terms which it has been able to offer have placed it in a strong position to secure the orders.

# Bill for audit committees comes up again tomorrow

A private member's Bill promoting audit committees and a statutory number of non-executive directors for companies above a certain size will come up for its second reading in the Commons tomorrow.

Proposed by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Conservative MP for Kensington, the Bill is a hardy annual, but now has the support of two Labour men and Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for North Cornwall.

Similar ideas were also discussed in the recent Government White Paper on the conduct of company directors, some of which is expected to be included in legislation in a government-sponsored Companies Bill to be published next month.

Sir Brandon's Bill calls for at least three non-executive directors to be appointed to all companies where there are either 1,500 employees or net assets of more than £5m.

Audit committees should be introduced in companies with more than 10,000 employees and net assets of more than £100m.

It is estimated that no more than 200 of the largest businesses would need to set up audit committees if the Bill became law. The proposals are likely to gain widespread sympathy both within the accountancy profession and the Department of Trade, but it looks unlikely that they will become law.



Sir Brandon Rhys Williams: Bill now has support.

In its White Paper the Department of Trade said that initially at least the Government felt it was better for companies, investors and their representative bodies to work out schemes which could benefit from a greater degree of flexibility than the law could provide.

# £50m steel jacket order by Shell/Esso

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

A design contract for a £50m steel jacket for a production platform to serve the North Cormorant oilfield in the north-east Shetland basin has been placed with CJB-Earl and Wright by the Shell/Esso group.

If the overall development plan for the field is approved by the main boards of the two oil companies and the Department of Energy, the design contract could lead to tender for the work towards the end of this year.

Shell Exploration and Production, the operators for the group, is still unsure whether the North Cormorant field in block 211/21 is linked to the main Cormorant field in the adjoining block 211/26. The North Cormorant platform will be in 160 metres of water and will be capable of handling 180,000 barrels a day.

Shell's decision to opt for a steel platform on the field is yet another disappointment for the concrete platform builders, whose four United Kingdom yards are empty. However, most of the concrete contractors had discounted the possibility of being asked to tender for this order.

For the steel jacket builders, it adds to the prospects of work to replace the three structures that are expected to be completed later this year. The completion would leave the four steel construction yards with only two contracts carrying on into 1979.

# Stock Exchange calls for end of dividend curbs

By Our Financial Staff

A restructuring of the tax system being called for by the Stock Exchange to assist people to put their savings into industry and trade, and not punish them for doing it. An announcement of an intention to end dividend restraint is also urgently recommended.

While recognizing the progress made in halting the growth of public sector spending, the Stock Exchange still finds the underlying trends in the economy unsatisfactory and contends that the tax system should be used to encourage savings, in order to provide industry with the necessary funds for investment and expansion".

In a pre-Budget submission of its views, the Stock Exchange proposes the abolition of the investment income surcharge and repeats its view that capital taxes "are now too many and too complex".

Captial gains tax should also be abolished in the 1978 Finance Bill—the revenue loss would be less than £400m and any attempt to index or taper the charge would reduce the yield, create additional complexity and interfere with the timing of investment decisions.

The Stock Exchange also calls for the speedy implementation of the European Council of Ministers' proposals for reducing transfer stamp duty from 2 per cent to a maximum of 0.6 per cent. The cut, the Stock Exchange argues, would make direct investment in British industry more attractive both to domestic and overseas investors.

It would also help London to become the major centre of European finance. The yield at 2 per cent in 1975-76, a year of high equity turnover, was only £140m even taking in fixed interest stocks.

Dividend restraint is condemned as a "piece of window-dressing which actually does harm to many people".

# Treasury airs views on new strategy

By Melvyn Westlake

The Treasury has finally responded to criticisms from economists over its failure to give any public consideration to the concept of a "full employment budget balance", as used in some other major industrialized countries.

Such a concept, it has been argued, would provide a better indication of the Government's real fiscal stance when it set public spending and taxation levels in times of recession.

The reason for having a "full employment budget balance" or "standardized budget balance" is that allowance can be made in spending and taxation levels for the fact that a recession automatically pushes up government spending on unemployment benefits and reduces tax revenues.

Only when allowance is made for these factors is it possible to discern whether the Budget strategy is restrictive or expansionary. Economists from both the National Institute for Economic and Social Research and the Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge, have argued in favour of this concept.

The Treasury have now produced a Working Paper on the subject, partially reproduced in the latest edition of *Economic Progress Report*, describing the difficulties that it believes are inherent in such a concept. The paper shows that on Treasury estimates the public sector deficit would have been about £3,000m less in 1976 than the £8,300m deficit actually recorded.

This is based on a level of economic activity consistent with 3 per cent jobless.

# Aerospace cuts denied by Lucas

By Clifford Webb

One in three of the 12,000 labour force employed in the 13 aerospace factories of Lucas Industries will lose their jobs in a big cutback being planned by the division's new chief executive, shop stewards claimed yesterday.

But this was immediately denied by a Lucas Group spokesman who said: "It is true that Mr James Blyth, the new general manager of the aerospace division has been talking to employee representatives about over-manning, but he has not indicated that any specific redundancies are on the cards. It would appear that the shop stewards are reading too much into what he has told them."

Despite this denial, members of the Lucas Aerospace combined shop stewards committee believe that Mr Blyth had made it plain to them that urgent action was necessary to reduce a work force which was one third over-manned.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Nuclear power worries remain

*From Mr M. E. Derbyshire*

Sir, The authors of "Nuclear power: advantages that outweigh the risk" (February 6) claim to answer objectively the genuine anxieties of the public concerning the safety of nuclear power. They conclude that the risks are less than those which society has come to accept from other man-made sources of energy. It is curious that they fail to mention the most worrying aspect of all—the fact that it was felt necessary in the Nuclear Installation (Licensing and Insurance) Act of 1959 to limit the liability of operators of nuclear power stations in claims for damages. Surely society expects all energy supply industries to meet such claims without limit. If nuclear power provides no exceptional risks, why has it been treated so exceptionally?

Yours faithfully,
M. E. DERBYSHIRE,
Moot Cottage,
White Chapel,
Goosnargh,
Preston, PR3 2ER.
February 6.

*From Mr S. Durham*

Sir, I feel it is necessary to make some comment on the article of February 6: "Nuclear power: advantages that outweigh the risks."

The advantages are cheap fuel and infinitum; the risks are leakages, radiation, terrorists, world destruction, etc.

The authors assume that there will be no progress in "natural forms" of energy by the time mineral resources run out. This is a totally unrealistic assumption. If one considers how much progress there has been in nuclear power in the last 35 years, then to say that this cannot happen in the case of solar energy, wave power, etc, is ludicrous.

Secondly, experiences at Windscale have shown just how easily things go wrong and this is just in a decade. What about the future? Anything could happen. To quote Professor Rasmussen, as they do, on the likelihood of a major accident and then to use this as support for nuclear power is foolish.

For every one professor saying one thing there is always another saying the complete opposite.

The authors are far too calm and complacent about the dangers of nuclear power. The reality is that the nuclear age marked the beginning of man's unlimited ability to destroy himself.

Yours faithfully,
S. DURHAM,
17 Farnham Avenue,
Hassocks,
Sussex.

*From Mr Archy Kirkwood*

Sir, Since there have been recent reports of nuclear waste storage test borings near where I live in the southern uplands of Scotland, it is with a glad heart that I read in *The Times* (February 6): "Nuclear power: advantages that outweigh the risks", that plutonium emitted radiation "can be stopped by a sheet of paper".

Does this property also extend to newsprint? If not will the management take urgent steps to make sure that it does? People in my part of the country may even pay 16p for a special plutonium-proofed copy. They could then sleep with *The Times* over their heads rather than under their pillows.

May I further suggest that if any clinical trials are to be carried out the joint authors of today's article should volunteer to digest their own writing in front of the sunshine rays of x and b particles emitted.

Curie-oser and Curie-oser!

Yours faithfully,
ARCHY KIRKWOOD,
Rose Lodge,
Ethrickbridge,
Selkirkshire.
February 6.

## Need for information

*From Mr L. Scruton*

Sir, While the CBI contests the need for fuller company reports for general enlightenment (February 6), there is a growing need for more information on a company's performance by the large portfolio holders, financial advisers and credit analysts.

As a credit manager I often find I am asked to consider a company for higher credit on inadequate and outdated information filed at Companies House. To ask for more details or clarification to justify the risk my company must take will often invite abuse from the customer, yet traders' credit is a hidden contributor to a large proportion of most companies' short-term borrowings.

We need disclosure to generate trust, but I believe this should be encouraged without legislation.

Yours truly,
L. SCRUTON,
138 Manderville Road,
Hertford, SG13 8JL.
February 6.

## What a broker can offer

*From Mr Richard A. Weston*

Sir, I have read with interest the correspondence on the subject of insurance brokers' commission, and while I am not a convinced believer that payment by commission will be with us forever, I do accept it as a convenient way to remunerate the broker.

However, I feel that the correspondence has missed the point that it is still only a *means to an end, and that its critics have overlooked that generally speaking the higher rated risks demand more work* from the broker than those with lower rates.

The two main causes of high premium are, first, a highly rated industry, for example, plastics in fire insurance, or builders in employer's liability, and secondly, a risk which has been "loaded" because its claims experience displays unfavourable characteristics for which the underwriter wishes to apply a penalty.

In either case, the insured will be able to rely on the professionalism of a responsible broker to negotiate the minimum possible increase and to seek alternative quotations, in addition to the claims service, usually provided free.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. WESTON,
17a Montague Road,
Wimbledon,
London, SW19 1TB.
February 6.

## Qualifications of company secretaries

*From the President of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators*

Sir, Last year Parliament legislated for the registration of farriers—no doubt for the reasonable protection of horses—but still the Government seems determined to go on burdening registered companies with new legislation but refusing to provide in the Companies Acts that the secretary of every public listed company, at least, should be appropriately qualified.

The Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill, which is being sponsored by Mr John Cockcroft, MP, seeks to put this right in the House of Commons on Friday.

All companies registered under the Companies Acts have to appoint a company secretary, but there is nothing to say that anyone in the boardroom, whether a director or the company secretary, needs to be qualified as a chartered secretary, accountant or lawyer—in fact, the law does not require any qualification at all.

The unwillingness of the Government to add, even marginally, to the legislation scarcely follows their practice in this Parliament. Moreover, what is proposed is not a closed shop but merely an assurance to the investing public that someone must be appointed to the boardroom who is appropriately professionally qualified—the definition is widely drawn.

We now have a White Paper on the conduct of directors, but nothing, except Mr Cockcroft's Bill, to ensure that a tested level of competence and integrity is available in the boardroom, not just by order of the board but at the behest of the public at large through the Companies Acts.

Less than half the secretaries of public listed companies declare any appropriate qualification in the Stock Exchange Year Book. How many scandals resulting from ignorance or incompetence, let alone wilful wrongdoing, must we await before this simple step, which Mr Cockcroft's Bill proposes, is taken? I hope you will agree that the Bill deserves to succeed and that the Government should have taken it on board themselves.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. CLARKE,
President,
The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators,
16 Park Crescent,
London W1N 4AH.
February 6.

## Inflationary rent requirement

*From Mr Donald Maxwell*

Sir, During the damaging property boom of the late 60s and early 70s a pernicious clause found its way into office leases. I refer to the "break" clause which stipulated that rent revision must reflect current market values, but can only be altered in an upward direction. This clause is not only totally inequitable, it also invites inflation.

I suggest it would be of considerable public benefit if this rider to the "break" clause were to be outlawed by a simple Act of Parliament, in much the same way as inequitable small print disclaimers of responsibility have recently been nullified by the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD MAXWELL, Director,
British Marine Equipment Council,
111-112 Whitechapel High Street,
London, E1 7PT.
February 2.

## Over-production of coal

*From Mr M. Brocklesby*

Sir, Most of the arguments put by Mr Davies in support of opencast mining (January 30) are inaccurate or misleading but his economic case requires particular comment.

In 1974 Plan for Coal defined a £3,150m investment programme to increase the capacity of the deep mines to 135m tons by 1985. As demand was expected to rise to 150m tons it was decided, as an additional measure to increase opencast output to 15m tons. This made sense at the time. Demand, however, did not rise and, in spite of the drop in deep mine productivity, supply of both steam and coking coal has exceeded demand over the last two financial years.

The CEGB is subsidized to carry stocks in excess of economic requirements to ease the NCB's problems of over production and at the end of March these were valued at £119.3m. In the depressed coking coal market there is even more serious over production. If the NCB had achieved a proper return on its deep mine investment since 1974 it would have mined a further 32m tons of unwanted coal.

The viability of the capital intensive deep mines depends on the optimum deployment of their installed capacity which, based on the conservative Plan for Coal figures, is now 126m tons, about 5m tons more than current demand without recourse to any opencast mining at all. It is normal commercial practice for a company to plan to make maximum use of its own production capacity first and to sub-contract only when demand exceeds that capacity.

Mr Davies, however, plans to maximize the sub-contracting of coal production to the civil engineering firms irrespective of demand. His policy can only be justified by the assumption that the Plan for Coal investment programme will never be successful and that the incentive scheme will not achieve the 15 per cent improvement which the NCB claims to expect. The financial penalty can be assessed if the marginal profit from a new opencast site of about £7 per ton (1976/77 price levels) is compared with the marginal profit of additional production from the existing surplus capacity in the deep mines of the order of £13 per ton.

In the light of the United Kingdom energy situation over the 20 years there is an irreconcilable conflict between a policy of maximizing opencast and Plan for Coal investment in the deep mines which would result in a financial waste to the NCB of some £1,800m.

Using the wider-based criteria of resource costs advocated by the working document on energy policy, the cost to the community would be much greater. In addition, a valuable strategic reserve of 300m tons of quickly accessible coal would be squandered just before the period when there might be a valid and urgent national need for its extraction.

Yours faithfully,
Oulton Civic Society,
Croft House,
Calverley Road,
Oulton,
Leeds.
February 2.


LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
Pusuant to Section 293 Companies Act, 1948.
Name of Company MC RESTAURANTS Limited. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 42 Baker Street, London W1 on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February 1978, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a LIQUIDATOR and of appointing a COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
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Dated this 31st day of January 1978.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MR. N. SAUNDERS,
Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GREEN SHOW BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th October, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd February, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of G & M CONSULTANCY SERVICES (LONDON) Limited. Nature of Business: Engineering consultants.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 12th December, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd February, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PALCREST Limited. Nature of business: Dealers in textiles and fabrics.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th November, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd February, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London WC1V, 6LP at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HOLBORN PRODUCTIONS Nature of Business: Film Producers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 15th December 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd February 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of RABVALE Limited Nature of Business: Publishers and conference organisers in the field of industrial relations
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd February 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock
L. R. BATES Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 003179 of 1977.
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court
In the matter of G & M DOUBLE GLAZING (LEEDS) Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act, 1948
I GEOFFREY MARTIN of Tower House, Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8HU have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the company.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1978.
Geoffrey Martin,
Liquidator.

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The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of RADYAN ELECTRONICS Limited No. 00845 of 1976
Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 24th February 1978 after which date the Official Receiver after Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator. Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DEVOSAM INVESTMENTS Limited Nature of Business: Property dealers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th December 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 24th February 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of CROWNS FREEHOLDS Limited formerly HERNE HILL PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: Property investment and development.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 19th December 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 24th February 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of CONSORT TRAVEL Limited. Nature of Business: Coach operators.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 31st October 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd February 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of GOLDART MOTORS Limited. Nature of Business: Motor garage proprietors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE Monday the 5th day of December 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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48 St. Vincent Street,
Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies.
Telephone 62-35354 or 62-34288.
All enquiries on technical matters should be addressed to the Project Co-ordinator.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Monetary choices for the authorities

: was one of those days in financial arkets yesterday. Depression in the morn-ig as money supply fears raised their ugly ead once again. Euphoria in the afternoon anks to Mr Healey's indication of a sponsible Budget and the apparent cave-in the miners.

What the market did not get, however, id hardly surprisingly, was any firm omise from the Chancellor that the psing of the present dividend controls this tumn would automatically herald a new a of total dividend freedom. That is likely to worry those who believe that the vernment will be unable to carry legisla-n for a further period of controls.

But there remains the possibility that idends could fall within the net of any d-summer package aimed at sewing up a rther stage of incomes policy. That said, case for the speedy ending of the tortions caused by dividend controls does, course, remain as strong as ever.

Meanwhile, just how far the prospect of a isfactory settlement to the miners' pay im will serve to encourage the gilt market ains to be seen. Yesterday it was enough help send the bears scurrying for cover to attract modest investment demand. next major question is how soon the horities are prepared to test the market ctivating the long "tap".

they can do that successfully, other ket anxieties may start to recede. If cannot, it seems unlikely that the iorities will be able to risk a neutral ce for all that long. Given that nothing a sharp rise in MLR would bolster idence, markets were tending to dismiss possibility by yesterday afternoon, both olitical grounds and on the view that it e little sense while ultra short term rest rates remained so soft and loan ands so flat.

iat might not seem a justifiable stance l monetarists, but opinion seemed to be ing yesterday towards the idea that, if further action was considered necessary, "corset" was the easiest line politically. the moment, though, the most that can aid is that market sentiment, if some-buoyed up by late yesterday, remains ate and the situation fluid.

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## st profits from Lyons deal

Houses Forte caught the market on op yesterday with profits some £3m of best expectations at £38m. That ed with a still improving balance was enough to see the shares 9p ahead e end of trading at 186p.

act, the "bonus" from THF is not so sing given that it is now widely ed in the hotels business that the deal, under which THF paid £27½m, ch £7.2m was in cash and the balance out in 5 per cent promissory notes even years for 35 hotels, was nothing an a stroke of brilliance. Of a 33½ per ain in trading profit to £54.3m which as turned in for 1977, some £7m net contribution from the Terry which ld is from the Lyons and Knott hotels tions which have chipped in for nine ht months respectively.

doubt that as the Lyons hotels be-fully integrated into THF's inter-l marketing network that the return improved. So the key question is r THF, holding a powerful position London hotel business and after a which occupancy rates overall ex-by around 5 per cent, will start to e going slightly tougher on the basis tourist boom will be blunted by the e of sterling this summer.

e is no evidence of this yet—THF's during the first quarter are ahead of r and hotel occupancy is said to be up well. Moreover, when sterling e against the dollar there is every why there should be more United ourists in Britain this year.

e balance sheet, a partial revaluation perties has produced £38m and s released £13.2m from deferred So shareholders' funds have been up by 53 per cent to £193m while ital is only marginally up at £213m the Lyons deal.

iquid assets up from £25m to £44m, THF has now achieved the sort of balance sheet that allows further scope for manoeuvre. It is a factor, along with the possibilities in a now three times covered dividend, yielding 6.7 per cent, that could promote further buying of the shares.

Decca

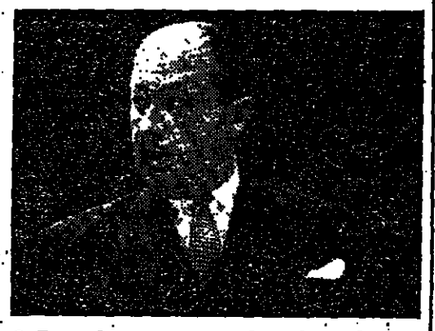
## A case for streamlining

The four-year profits decline in the consumer goods operations of Decca continues with a £555,000 loss on lower turnover at the interim stage. This left capital goods with a 14 per cent improvement on static turnover to hold group profits at £5.2m before tax, marginally down on the year before.

Imbalance of this kind makes Decca look increasingly like a company in need of streamlining, a feeling that is strengthened by the contrast between the company's highly optimistic statements about the future of the electronics side and the bleak outlook for televisions together with the uncertain prospects for recovery in records.

For the moment, however, there are no signs of streamlining in the troubled consumer goods division, and, with little likelihood of enfranchisement of the "A" shares in the near future, shareholders will for the time being just have to hope that the capital goods side can keep up its growth pending some revival from the consumer side.

Speculative hopes apart, this presents a bleak immediate future for the shares. Both ordinary and "A" were down 15p yesterday to 445p and 435p respectively, where, on the forecast of lower profits for the year, they sell on a prospective p/e ratio of 13 or more and yield 4 per cent.



● *Everything seems to take twice as long as anticipated at United Dominions Trust. Mr Len Mather, the chairman (above), has now reported pre-tax profits in the six months to last December some £2m to £3m below outside estimates at £9.1m, so hopes that the group will be able to rebuild its reserves will have to be deferred again.*

*Even though the decline in interest rates and pick-up in instalment credit business has not worked the same wonders as at other finance house groups who have reported recently—according to the group because its other constituents like the commodity clearing house are not all pulling together—the main damage at the net level has come from further extraordinary write-offs, this time from currency conversions and the incongruous investment in Ryan Nigel property group in South Africa.*

*So the fact that UDT has managed to retain £700,000, as much as in the whole of the previous year, owes a lot to the low 30 per cent tax charge, reflecting the sizable United Kingdom tax losses.*

*For the future, UDT is talking optimistically about business and the property book has declined from £91m to £79m. But the unanswered question, of course, is when the group will step ashore from the banking "lifeboat". Lifeboat support is now down from a peak £450m to under £300m and UDT claims deposits are coming in more strongly and maturities are lengthening. But it is still having to pay premium rates on lifeboat funds.*

*Meanwhile, the arrears on the preference stocks limit hopes of dividend payments much before the end of 1979, interest rates are hardening and the shares, after yesterday's 3p fall to 38p, are roughly in line with asset value, so the fun in UDT appears to be over now that takeover rumours have died down.*

Economic notebook

# Dollar, dollar dolorosa

"A little local difficulty" was a tongue in cheek characterization made by one senior banker of the French franc's sudden plunge at the end of last week.

It is a measure of the present instability on the world's financial markets that a 4 per cent fall in the value of a currency in less than a week can be dismissed so lightly.

As far as can be told from the few statistics which are available, last year saw a massive increase in the amount spent by governments in foreign exchange market interventions, but there were still wide and sometimes wild fluctuations in rates.

Few in the world of international finance expect 1978 to be very different. The troubles of the franc are indicative of the general instability, but a much more important feature of this and, some would say its prime cause, is the uncertainty which still surrounds the dollar.

The peace which reigned on the markets between the announcement of active American intervention in early January and the upset over the franc was a very uneasy one. The markets are now quiet at least partly because they do not know which way to jump next.

The yawning American payments deficit which undermined confidence last year persists and will not go away for quite some time. Of course it can in theory be financed easily by capital inflows, although it only will be if there is "confidence" in the dollar.

What scared off the inflows last year was the fear that money in dollars was bound to lose its value, and when the United States authorities appeared to welcome a depreciation the fear turned to panic.

The Americans have now shown that they will not allow the currency markets to seize up for lack of dollar buyers.

What worries the international bankers, and the strong countries whose currencies are alternatives to the dollar, is that barring such extremes of disorder in the markets the United States remains committed to free floating and that this commitment, combined with the current account deficit, can itself be destabilizing.

The activation of the United States swop facilities provide a breathing space but they are only a short-term instrument.

Why should the Americans resist a dollar depreciation which, in theory at least, will help to correct their trade imbalance should the market deem fit? The well rehearsed United States argument is that if only the Germans and Japanese would reflate the problem would go away. It would certainly be diminished.

However, the problem goes deeper than that. The present international monetary system is built around the dollar's role as chief medium of exchange and store of value. Movements into and out of dollars do not just reflect trade imbalances but can be vastly swelled by considerations of its value as an asset.

For as long as the dollar has this key role the Americans cannot ignore the effect on the rest of the world of changes in the value of the dollar. This is not to say that the responsibility for calm in foreign exchange markets rests solely on their shoulders, nor that they should tailor their domestic monetary and fiscal policy to the needs of the rest of the world.

Rather it suggests the need for a modification of the dollar's role. The United States is no longer the economic giant that it was in the world. The dollar plunge last year, and the danger of a further slide this, shows up a vacuum in the system.

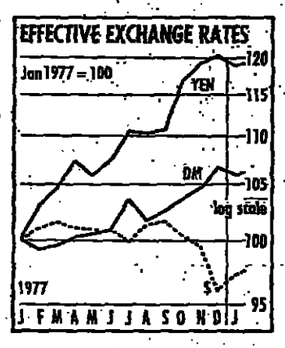
It no longer seems suitable for the Americans to act as international bankers, and the great importance of the dollar, to the rest of the world—which continues despite the non-convertibility of dollars into gold, and of floating rates—may place too great a strain on United States generosity.

It is unfortunately far from clear what can be done. The international will for a deep-seated currency reform seems to be lacking.

Although few are happy with the system of floating exchange rates there is too little agreement on economic policy aims to allow a return to fixed rates.

One possible solution to the unequal weight of the dollar is for a gradual shift to other currencies to supplement its reserve currency role.

Which currency though? Britain is committed to running down sterlings' role as a reserve currency. The obvious candidate for another reserve




currency is the Deutsche mark. The Germans remain shy of this, but there is a widespread belief that they cannot hold back the tide. A great switch has anyway occurred between dollars and marks over the last year.

Details of the currencies held in official balances are not published, but it seems certain that there has been a build up in official mark holdings.

The Germans point to the problems Britain had in maintaining the pound as a reserve currency, and the constraints this placed on domestic policy, as explanation of their own unwillingness to allow the mark to be used as a reserve currency.

However, these would be less serious for the Germans, with their typically healthy balance of payments and low inflation, than for high inflation, high importing Britain.

However, as an American economist said in the 1940s, "the problem of international monetary stability is primarily that of maintaining a state of proper health in the leading countries".

To a large extent the present currency instability reflects the failure of the industrialized world to shake off recession and agree on how best to tackle their persistent high unemployment, slow growth and continuing inflation. And, linked with this, how to share out the payments deficit forced on them by the Opec surplus which is now at the heart of the world payments system.

Increasingly interdependent capital markets, and the huge rise in internationally mobile capital exacerbates the instability which shifting deficits cause.

This contrasts with the ability of Europe and Japan in the 1950s and 1960s to pursue the current account surpluses which provide a good background for high employment, low inflation, and trade liberalization, while the United States ran a deficit. No improvements in the payments system would be sufficient to solve this problem.

**Caroline Atkinson**

# No cause for defeatism at British Leyland

There is a certain irony about the acclaim accorded over the past week to Mr Michael Edwardes, the new chairman of British Leyland. It suggests a perverse delight that someone has at last taken the axe, for good or for ill, to what is one of the nation's leading companies and most successful exporters.

After three months of deliberation the two main decisions from Mr Edwardes are:

1. To reverse the trend of the past decade and try to break down Leyland into its constituent parts—an action totally counter to the policies of integration pursued by major car makers throughout the world.
2. Publicly to announce that "people are now walking past our showrooms" and that we can expect to sell no more than 819,000 vehicles this year.

On the first point Mr Edwardes does not need the trade unions to tell him—he has received enough warnings from his own management—how foolhardy it would be to attempt to overturn progress made over the past two years towards achieving economies of scale. Work is already well advanced to reduce the number of different body shells and to develop common power and transmission units and components.

Moreover, the impact upon morale at plant level of a complete U-turn from the philosophy advocated in the Ryder plan less than three years ago will be damaging. With each struffle of Leyland's already depleted management more talent is lost; shop stewards are already beginning to lose track of the changing faces on the management side of the negotiating table.

The defeatist attitude which Mr Edwardes has so far adopted towards Leyland's sales performance is a matter of concern for the trade unions, and we are determined to maintain our campaign to go for an output of at least 1 million vehicles. The chairman made some move towards our position by including in the resolution adopted by management and union representatives at Kenilworth a pledge to make further efforts to increase market share.

The virtually unanimous support the shop stewards were able to give to Mr Edwardes' seven-point resolution underlines the common aim of management and trade unions to secure a profitable future for the company. He would be foolish to treat lightly the goodwill that he now enjoys.

We are pledged to make every effort to improve quality, reduce the number of disputes and ensure continuity of production. Indeed at factory meetings the Cars Council, the top tier worker participation body, has gained overwhelming support for such a strategy.

The trade unions understand as clearly as Mr Edwardes that productivity must be raised to the level of our international competitors in order to make Leyland viable. However, management must not consider that it has a blank cheque to push through changes unilaterally.

Mr Edwardes has given his word that adjustments in manning or production capacity will be "the subject of proper negotiating procedures". He will be under an obligation to ensure that the commitment is honoured for there is a deep suspicion within Leyland that management is not above contriving disputes when production, for whatever reason, is not needed. Certainly the 14-week stoppage at Speke, Liverpool, was caused by management ignoring procedure.



Derek Robinson (above) discusses the new strategy at Leyland. He is chairman of the Combined Shop Stewards Committee and the senior trade union spokesman on the Leyland Cars Joint Management Council—the top tier of the company's worker participation machinery

On the subject of plant closures Mr Edwardes has made it clear that he would consider such contingencies only if Leyland's market position continued to deteriorate.

One problem which he has already acknowledged is the damage caused by the obsession of the media with Leyland's labour disputes. The prejudice of newspaper proprietors against state-owned concerns, coupled with the reporting requirement to simplify and sensationalize issues, makes Leyland an obvious scapegoat. Anyone familiar with the monotonous, often inhuman, routine of the car plant would appreciate that even the so-called "silly strikes" often arise out of a history of suppressed grievances and frustrations.

The pundits who are always prepared to lambast the Leyland workers seem totally to ignore the fact that the latest crisis was caused by circumstances completely outside the company. It was the 10-week strike by Lucas toolworkers that began to take its toll of Leyland car output in August. Market share was hit, dealer and customer confidence shaken, and the debate about the company reopened.

This was a tragedy for Leyland workers who had fought so hard to recover the company's position after the unofficial and damaging strike by some toolmakers in March. In the four months from April to July output really began to move, profitability was restored, and productivity rose dramatically.

A review of car operations to assess the impact of the toolmakers' strike was approved by the British Leyland board in the summer; it recommended that the Ryder objectives of a 32 per cent market share and an annual output of 1.2 million vehicles were still attainable.

But merely to concentrate attention on the past 12 months is to ignore the problems inherent within the monolith that is Leyland. Its very creation was the result of a series of defensive mergers and acquisitions under the pressure of market forces. Throwing together such a range of once proud and often individualistic companies confronted management with an awesome task.

Mr Edwardes is certainly not the first, and probably not the last, to wrestle with the organizational issues. He maintains that there was neither the strength of management nor the time available to make workable the organization devised by Ryder. It is only to be hoped that the Government allows Mr Edwardes the time to make his alternative work.

But the issue on which the trade unions are best qualified to comment is industrial relations. Here Labour ministers, who have adopted a self-righteous attitude to the problems of the company, should accept their share of responsibility. It was sheer hypocrisy to first bind Leyland management hand and foot within the confines of incomes policy and then tell them to sort out the company's chaotic wage and bargaining structure.

The toolmakers' strike erupted last year but its origins go back further. Six years of almost continuous wage restraint have created anomalies and eroded differentials to the point where there is unrest throughout British industry.

The fact that trouble broke out at Leyland should have come as no surprise. Which other major company was asked to carry such a burden of pay anachronisms in addition to the pressures caused by wage restraint?

Leyland was precluded from sorting out the mess by the rigour of official Government policy. Even under the so-called return to free collective bargaining of phase three, it has not been possible to implement a common pay starting date for all 34 plants.

Clearly, the reasons for the collapse of Ryder are far wider than the issue of labour relations. However, we for our part have taken an unprecedented initiative to try to improve output and quality. But continuity of production and high efficiency will be more readily achieved under an aggressive policy of expansion.

We draw support for the viability of our alternative strategy from the fact that other managers within Leyland apparently do not share Mr Edwardes' pessimistic view. The chairman has been emphatic that, even without any further industrial troubles this year, sales can be no more than 819,000—an average 27 per cent market share.

But Leyland Cars' 1978 budget, presented to the Cars Council only last month, stated that, on a conservative assessment, a 29 per cent share could be achieved by the end of the year. Potential existed for sales in excess of that and the trade had set targets of around a 32 per cent market share.

In the words of the management presentation: "It would be very easy to be too pessimistic and structure the operation by reducing production programmes, thus making doom a self-fulfilling prophecy. We are certain that we must leave the way open to demonstrate, for all to see, that we must, can and will achieve a much higher United Kingdom market share than any of our uninformed critics believe possible."

That, basically, is also the view of the shop stewards.

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# Business Diary: Book value? • Sinclair's radionic woman

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**Sinclair Equipment's Lorna Duncan in London yesterday: from secretary to sales director.**

earned Miss Duncan the first of a new annual award for "outstanding contribution to commercial enterprise" by young people to be made by the City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Duncan, who is 21, received a silver trophy, the Silver Jubilee Award, and a cheque from the president of the chamber, Lord Craigton, at a ceremony in London yesterday.

She is sales director of Sinclair Equipment International, a London-based overseas marketing company in the Sinclair Radionics group, and sells a digital multimeter or electricity supply measurer.

Miss Duncan began as secretary to SEI managing director Bill Sinclair and six months later was given her head as the executive responsible for world sales of the device outside the United States and United Kingdom.

Her method, Sinclair told the chamber of commerce, was to find first-class agents and then to follow through so they knew how to sell the device and actually did so.

The chamber of commerce was so pleased with the standard of entries that they decided to present three certificates of merit, all to young men.

Geoffrey Holliman, who is 34, was honoured for a brain wave as advertisement sales manager with London Transport: he thought up the 25 jubilee buses which were specially painted silver so that their advertising could be sold at £10,000 a time. This earned £150,000 net for LT.

Howard Mason, 24, a British Aircraft Corporation mathematician, was commended for helping the corporation to start selling computer software to the Russians.

Lastly, there was a certificate for Graham Thomas, 34, the European Sales Manager (Circulation) of *The Economist*, who helped push up European sales volume by nearly half.

*The organization developing the ideas of the Lucas workforce for new products of "social value" is the Centre for Alternative Industrial and Technological Systems (CAITS). Part of this title went adrift in the article on the centre which appeared in yesterday's Business Diary.*

■ Britain's first chair in export management is to be set up, at The City University, thanks to the Midland Bank stumping up £250,000. The idea had been talked about for some time by the Institute of Export, which will now play the role of sponsor.

With this amount of cash available it should be possible to mount a respectable research effort, according to Dr John Treasure, the new Dean of the University's Business School and former group chairman of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in the United Kingdom.

"Lecturing people on how to export won't really be the primary function of the chair. It will be more concerned with advancing the state of knowledge on such things as the economics of the export trade, its financing, how companies gear for it, the role of the City and so on", he said after yesterday's announcement.

To fill the chair the University is looking not only for somebody who has contributed significantly to existing literature on the subject, but who has had plenty of practical experience. Treasure admits that it might mean salary problems. It seems a fair guess that the chair will be worth well over £10,000 a year.

A selection committee has yet to be appointed to draw up the first list of possible incumbents.

■ Mary Whitehouse's National Viewers and Listeners Association has been rebuffed in a first attempt to exploit the complaints system of the Advertising Standards Authority.

The ASA, a watchdog paid for and run by the advertising industry itself, disagrees with Peter Murcott, chairman of the NVLA's Midlands regional council, that press advertising for a film called *Supervixens* was indecent.

In the monthly digest of complaint findings the authority says that the advertisement was not "grossly offensive to the majority of readers".

It seems that the normally alert NVLA has taken its time to latch on to this way of registering public protest. Although the authority has been publishing complaint findings for three years, an ASA spokeswoman said yesterday that it was the first time a grouse had come from this quarter.

However, the ASA report does uphold a complaint from another pressure group, the Noise Abarement Society. A press advertisement from Pye was found to be "anti-social and unlawful" in claiming that one of the firm's "music centres" (combined radio, tape recorder and gramophone) gave "sound enough to fill your neighbour's lounge as well as your own".

Oh for the day when the Noise Abatement Society complaints about the row from the NVLA. . . .

*That old China hand Sir John Keswick, vice-president of the Sino-British Trade Council, told this one about the perils of translation at a London conference this week. A company called Imperial such-and-such found itself described in sales literature meant for the People's Republic of China as imperialistic.*


ALCAN

ALCAN ALUMINIUM (U.K.) LIMITED

## Summary of Results

| | 1977 £ million | 1976 £ million |
|---|---|---|
| Sales | 266.9 | 227.3 |
| Added value | 82.4 | 65.3 |
| Profit before taxation | 24.7 | 10.0 |
| Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders | 11.1 | 2.6 |
| Funds generated from operations | 30.1 | 21.0 |
| Average capital employed | 176.0 | 154.6 |
| Pre-tax return on capital employed (unlevered and excluding exceptional items) | 17.0% | 12.8% |
| Earnings per £1 Ordinary Share | 32.6p | 7.6p |
| Recommended dividend per £1 Ordinary Share | 9.9p | Nil |
| Number of employees at year end | 9195 | 9022 |

1977 has shown a marked improvement in results continuing the recovery of 1976. High sales volumes and better margins in the first quarter were followed by lower volumes in succeeding quarters: reflecting low growth in U.K. manufacturing output and some customer destocking. Costs continued to reflect high domestic inflation and margins were being eroded in the weak market conditions of the latter part of the year. A major programme of investment for the modernisation and improved reliability of our plants, and in particular our semi-fabricating plants, is now under way and capital expenditure of over £24 million is forecast for 1978. The outlook for 1978 is one of some recovery from the depressed levels of the second half of 1977, and this will be necessary to maintain the 1977 level of profitability. The directors recommend a net dividend of 9.9p.

The full Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1977 will be available after 1 March 1978 on request to the Company, Alcan Aluminium (U.K.) Ltd., Publications Dept., Southam Rd. Banbury, Oxfordshire

# Reservations by civil engineers on statutory registration proposals

By Derek Harris

Last night the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), one of the big three chartered organizations, proved to be the most conservative so far in its approach towards possible changes in the organization of the profession.

Reservations about supporting the idea of statutory registration for engineers were expressed by the ICE in an outline of its evidence to the Finniston committee of inquiry into the profession, set up by the government.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IME), another of the big three, has backed statutory registration, under the egis of the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI).

But it was doubtful about the practicability and effectiveness of also bringing in a licensing system under which particular types of engineering work could only be done by those specifically licensed for it.

The most controversial plan has come from the other major body, the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), which has backed both statutory registration for chartered engineers and a form of licensing in a system administered by an independent statutory body.

IEE has not, however, been alone in wanting to see a diminution of the role of CEI, now in the process of some restructuring after a two-year controversy over its organization which led eventually to the setting up of the Finniston inquiry.

Mr Ewen M'Ewen, group chief engineer at Lucas Industries and a past-president of the IME, in a memorandum to the Finniston inquiry, has urged a new registration board, working to high qualification criteria, separate from CEI.

ICE's outline last night indicated that a factor in ICE thinking is that civil engineering is sharply distinguishable from manufacturing industry, and it is careful to point out that its reservations attach to registration for civil engineers. Nevertheless ICE is known to feel that statutory registration has many shortcomings.

ICE said: "The institution fears that in some forms of statutory registration the objective considerations of professional competence and good engineering practice might not receive primary consideration."

But ICE makes clear that, if there were registration, its own existing arrangements as a qualifying body could only be brought within a registration system based on CEI.

# OFT booklet explains state policy on mergers

By Our Financial Staff

Increased effort to provide businessmen with a better idea of the workings of government merger policy, and in particular an attempt to translate the 1973 Fair Trading Act into layman's language, is made in the revised issue of *Mergers* published by the Office of Fair Trading.

The new publication explains the changes in the law affecting merger control since the 1973 Act, the factors which bring a merger under OFT scrutiny, more detail about the kind of questions companies will be asked, and the parts played by the Mergers Panel and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Last year the OFT considered 187 mergers, half as many again as the first year of the operation of the 1973 Act. Of these, only 24 cases came to the full Mergers Panel, while a further 100 were dealt with by the Mergers secretariat.

Apart from the half dozen referred to the Monopolies Commission, the remaining 50 to 60 cases are dealt with by a "relaxed procedure"—which involves no written papers; mergers concerning building societies; acquisition of overseas companies and merchanting activities would be disposed of under this procedure.

*Mergers*, prepared by the Office of Fair Trading is published by HM Stationery Office, 90p.

# Warning of effect of coal prices on energy decisions

By Roger Vielvoye

A nuclear power station will have a cost advantage over a unit unless coal costs are kept low, according to a paper prepared for the Energy Commission by the Department of Energy.

The paper compares costs of coal and nuclear costs for a single station. Nuclear power as a less established technology and involves more uncertainties. But fuel costs are less important to its overall performance, unlike coal where they are the dominant factor. Nuclear stations are, therefore, less vulnerable to fuel cost.

The effects of increases in the price of coal can be significant, and the larger the increases, the more the comparison favours nuclear power.

In another paper for the Energy Commission, the Department estimates that energy investment will stay at about £3,700m a year until 1980. It will decline in the early 1980s, rise again later in the decade, and increase significantly in the 1990s if past economic growth levels are sustained.

# Distribution costs could be cut by £500m, BIM says

By Michael Baily

Top British companies like Marks & Spencer, ICI, and Guest Keen and Nettlefolds are making major cost savings through improved distribution, the British Institute of Management disclosed yesterday.

But further big savings, probably amounting to £500m a year, could be achieved if the country's transport and distribution system were improved from its present 40 per cent to 70 per cent efficiency, Mr John Harvey, director of Unilever's SPD transport subsidiary and of BIM's Centre for Physical Distribution Management, said in London.

Speaking at a press conference to announce an expansion drive at the BIM centre, Mr Harvey said tedium perception was growing fast

## Business appointments

# New director for Vosper Thornycroft

Mr Nigel Tunnicliffe has become a director of *Vosper Thornycroft* (UK).

Mr Stephen Lewis will join the board of International Distillers and Vintners Home Trade, as marketing director from April.

Mr P. G. E. N. Sebag-Montefiore, managing director of Joseph Sebag, has been made a director of *Sebag Unit Trust Managers*.

Sir Eric Norris has been made a director of *Assam Investments*. Sir Walter Coutts has retired.

Sir James Starritt, retired Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has become a director of Pritchard Security Services.

Mr M. C. Devas, a director of Kleinwort, Benson, has been made a director of the Family Investment Trust.

Dr Mario Schimberni has been nominated president of Montedison International Holding Company in succession to Dr Eugenio Cefis.

Mr D. W. Forsyth, Mr D. W. Guerin, Mr K. J. Norman, Mr B. J. Payne, Mr M. B. Prudence and Mr J. A. Wallinder have joined the board of S. Davall & Sons.

Mr Mel Ford has joined the board of Savilles Hydrological Corporation.

Mr D. C. Green is now on the board of ECC Quarries. He remains with Associated Asphalt as sole managing director.

Mr V. G. Williams has been made a director and chairman of G. and W. Collins. Mr A. J. Clement and Mr E. A. Moore have resigned.

Mr P. R. Nutting has been made a director of Jove Investment Trust.

Mr Jim Shaw has become managing director of McLean Homes Midland.

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## Stock markets

# Miners inspire sharp turnround

Both equities and gilts shot ahead in late trading after news that the miners' executive had agreed in principle to settle their pay claim within the Government's guidelines.

The industrial leaders were immediately marked up a few pence while gilts reversed early losses of around five-eighths to close with exceptional gains of a full two points. The *FT* Index, just 0.2 off at 3 pm, closed 4.7 up at 468.4.

Earlier, equities had made a cautious start on speculation that the money supply may be growing faster than the Government's target area and money market indications of a full point rise in MLR this week.

But as the "bears" closed down the retreat was halted and prices were further stimulated by remarks from the Chancellor which were interpreted to mean that a general election is not likely this year. With a statement on dividend control also expected dealers were looking for an added stimulus in that direction.

But it was the miners' news which made the most impact. Many dealers were saying last night that a settlement within 10 per cent could change the whole sentiment in the coming weeks and months.

For some years now the market has regarded the miners as a major factor in determining trade union attitudes to pay and the prospect of confrontation has been a very real, if not always apparent, restraint in recent months.

For the second day running, gilts saw most of their activity in after hours trading. The optimistic news from the miners and the Chancellor was enough to discount much of the bearish sentiment overhanging the market and some long-dated stocks put on as much as £2 needed and there was some frantic buying in after hours trading. "Shorts" ended the session with net gains of three-quarters to a full point.

Treasury bills also had a hectic day. Trading, at one point, indicated a rise in MLR to 7½ or 8 per cent but by the close the levels were on course for a "same again" 6½ per cent.

With "blue chip" dealers reporting buying orders of up to 30,000 shares in inter-office dealings stocks like ICI 4p to 352p, Beecham 5p to 635p and Metal Box 2p to 300p managed successfully to reverse early falls of several pence.

The tobacco groups came in for a good deal of attention after the figures from Imperial Group the previous day. Yield considerations were the main factor behind support for the counter which closed 2p better at 78p, while there was a sympathetic rise of 2p to 292p from Bat Industries.

The interim setback from Decca and a warning of lower profits to come had the "A" shares as low as 420p at one stage immediately after the statement. But they rallied sufficiently to reach 435p on fresh support but were still 15p off at the close.

Trust Houses Forte was another to command attention on a profits statement. Figures well above most marked estimates were a source of satisfaction and the shares ended with a gain of 9p to 186p. A £1m rights issues from AGB Research brought an initial drop of a couple of pence but the general rally helped the shares to close unchanged at 83p.

Renewed speculation in Caledonian Associated Cinemas lifted the shares 25p to 385p in what is a very thin market. Motor dealer W. J. Reynolds was supported at 27p after comment and some vague talk of takeover possibilities.

*Foods were again left out in the cold as they failed to rally with the index. Lennons at 32p and Associated British Foods at 61p firmed a penny while Sainsbury at 170p and Tesco at 391p held steady.*

However, speculation provided a few bright spots in the sector. Fitch Lovell added 4p to 65p on continuing bid hopes. Both Imperial Group and BAT Inds have been mentioned as likely candidates but many market men are now adopting a wait and see policy.

*Doubts about Charterhouse Group's construction interests have held the shares at bay but now the group has disentangled itself from its Charcon Structures subsidiary which lost £1.3m in 1976/77. Having written down the book value of this division by half at the year-end, Charterhouse has now sold the assets in an unannounced deal to Eleco Holdings for a sum believed to be £250,000. Charterhouse are now 59p.*

After dipping to 61p Bejam came back to close at 67p, a net gain of 4p on the session. A speculative stock throughout the account, the rise was due more to "bear" closing than any firming of rumours.

Stores too had a difficult day in some places. Mothercare lost 4p to 164p while losses of a penny were marked on British Home Stores at 195p, House of Fraser at 135p and Combined English Stores at 81p. Debenhams at 99p, SUITS at 89p and Gus "A" at 278p were unchanged.

Some reasonable buying in inter-office trading was good enough to add 3p to Marks & Spencer at 143p and 2p to Boots at 203p.

Index stock John Brown, after touching 299p, at one stage closed 2p down on the day at 290p following a line of 100,000 shares passing through the market.

But Lucas Industries did not lack buyers and, with jobbers a bit short of stock, the shares climbed 7p to 263p.

Oil shares were one of the sectors favoured in the hustle after hours. A particular favourite was Shell which ended 7p to the good at 500p. Following the sale of around 250,000 American-held BP shares earlier this week there was a report of a similar sized transatlantic buying order and the shares ended unchanged at 780p after 776p. Following confirmation of the "farm-in" deal forecast here Carless Capel traded at 36p.

Decca apart, the centre of interest in electricals fell on Rank, up 6p to 252p, and ICL where the gain was 8p to 252p. There was continuing speculation that the possible NEB sale of its holding in Ferranti could lead to a full-scale quotation for the electronics group. In front of Capitol figures EMI eased a penny to 177p.

The early talk of a substantial hike in interest rates this week did little for the property shares with names like Stock Conversion 4p to 240p, Chesterfield 3p to 290p, Haslemere 3p to 231p and MEPC 3p to 119p all losing ground. Land Securities was the one leader to gain ground, by a penny to 217p.

*Westland Aircraft at 46p have not moved much since the news early last month of provisions slicing 1977 profits. Today many institutions are to meet Lord Aldington, chairman, at a seminar arranged by Schroder Wagg and broker Rowe & Pitman. Provisions, cash flow and productivity on the Lynx helicopter line are the areas institutions want clarifying. The annual meeting—for all shareholders—is on February 15. They could have questions too.*

Sufer Electrical provided a firm spot rising from 8p to 10p. Although there is no talk yet of a bidder emerging for this maker of hairdressing equipment, dealers report some reasonable interest in the shares.

Equity turnover on February 7 was £66.37m (14,590 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, BAT Dfd, Rank, Reed International, John Brown, GEC, Grand Metropolitan, Imperial Group, Shell, Fitch Lovell, Trust House Forte and UDT.

*Up 6p to 83p this week crane hire group Richards & Wallington has attracted good demand. Speculation hinges on the BET stake which many feel could be the springboard for a full bid. With hire rates generally on the increase dealers are looking for encouraging profits in the spring.*

Dealers are now expecting a limited rally over the next day or two as pension funds and Continental investors come back into the market.

Gilts opened weakly yesterday morning with the previous day's disappointing banking figures continuing to cast their shadow on prices, and "longs" went a quarter to three-eighths easier. Although there was some buying, the foreign holders of stock continued to be net sellers, and at one stage, some stocks were yielding as much as 12.3 per cent.

However the news on the industrial and economic front was just the tonic the market

## Latest results

| Company Int or Fin | Sales £m | Profits £m | Earnings per share | Div pence | Pay date | Year's total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ang Am Secs (I) | —(—) | 3.2(2.7) | —(—) | 2.0(2.5) | 3/4 | 3(2.64) |
| Cen Norseman (I) | —(—) | 3.62b(2.49b) | —(—) | 505(20b) | 15/3 | 65b(35b) |
| Clydesdle Col (Q) | —(—) | 1.3a(1.2a) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(—) |
| Decca (I) | 84.5(85.3) | 5.2(5.4) | —(—) | 3.3(3.0) | 28/4 | (10.6) |
| Drayton Prmr (F) | —(—) | 3.5(3.2) | —(—) | 5.3(4.6) | 4/4 | 6.7(6.0) |
| Eng & NY Tst (F) | —(—) | 2.02(1.73) | 2.68(2.32) | 1.55(1.25) | 19/4 | 2.60(2.15) |
| Gen Mining (Q) | —(—) | 8.06a(7.28a) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(—) |
| Goveh Eur (I) | —(—) | 0.54(0.31) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(—) |
| Hirst & Malsn (F) | 14.5(11.5) | 0.33(0.17) | 8.4(4.7) | 0.9(0.97) | 10/4 | 1.8(1.63) |
| Mining Supls (I) | 7.29(5.79) | 0.37(0.50) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(1.1) |
| Palabora (F) | —(—) | 36.6a(50.0a) | —(—) | 15(25) | 20/3 | 45(70) |
| THF (F) | 531.0(451.7) | 38.0(23.7) | 24.4(11.75) | 5.95(5.6) | — | 8.2(7.35) |
| Utd Dominions (I) | —(—) | 9.1(5.8) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(—) |
| Western Sel (F) | —(—) | 0.31(0.52) | 2.43(5.3) | 1.22(—) | 3/4 | 2.1(1.98) |
| Wiggins Cons (I) | —(—) | 0.14(0.10) | —(—) | 0.77(—) | 21/4 | —(—) |

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Rand and cents. b Dollars and cents.

# Palabora dips but sales rise

By Desmond Quigley

*Pre-tax profits at Palabora* Mining Co, the South African copper producer, fell by 31 per cent to R32.7m (about £19!m) from R47.1m in the year to the end of last December, despite an increase in copper sales.

The final dividend has been cut to 15 cents a share from 25 cents a share, to leave the total distribution for the year at 45 cents compared with 70 cents in 1976.

The decline was particularly marked in the second-half when pre-tax profits declined by 48 per cent to R13.5m from R25.9m.

Like all copper producers, Palabora has been hit by the decline in copper prices—last year the average cash London Metal Exchange price was the equivalent of 59.3 cents a pound compared with 63.6 cents a pound in 1976. However, as the prime low cost producer, Palabora is making a better return than most—earlier this week Bougainville, another copper mine in the Rio Tinto-Zinc stable, showed a similarly sharp decline in earnings, a fall that would have been much greater but for the gold by-product.

Last year, Palabora produced 104,231 tonnes of copper, an increase of nearly 8,000 tonnes, while the milling rate rose five million tonnes to 25 million. Output was increased last year

# Burton's surgery paying off

From Ronald Kershaw

*Leeds, Feb 8*

The first indications that drastic surgery in the Burton group of companies is beginning to pay off came to light at the annual meeting at Leeds. Cumulative sales for the first 17 weeks of the current year were 7 per cent above the corresponding period last year. It is now confidently predicted that if present sales trends continue a modest profit in the first half of the current year will be realized.

The company reported a loss after tax and extraordinary items of £13.6m. The extraordinary items amounting to £9.5m included £3.4m branch closure costs and £4m factory closure costs both involving redundancy payments and asset write-offs. Reorganization cost £1.4m.

After the meeting, a group spokesman said that Christmas sales at Burtons had come up to expectations but the Jackson's part of the group had not been showing quite such reasonable results.

He added that there were plans for opening six or seven new Top Shops. The emphasis that had been placed on young menswear and less formal wear throughout the group was proving to be a right decision.

The meeting approved a final dividend of 0.9p a share, and all directors made waivers on their beneficial shareholdings.

# S Pearson makes bid for Tussaud's unconditional

Acceptances of S. Pearson and Sons' £14m offer for Madame Tussaud's have not quite reached the magic 90 per cent level, but its offer has been declared wholly unconditional. Acceptances of the recommended offer have been received on 82.1 per cent of the equity giving the group an 89.4 per cent stake, including the shares issued under the Madame Tussaud's Executive Share Purchase Scheme, all of which have now been fully paid up.

Acceptances of the loan stock alternative accounted for 6.6m stock units. Both the cash and alternative offers will remain open.

### LLOYDS AND SCOTTISH

Chairman told annual meeting that company still benefiting from cheap money. Instalment credit and leasing division meeting strong demand.

### CARLESS EXPLORATION

Carless Exploration Onshore Group has done a deal with Cambrian Exploration whereby Carless will gain a 50-75 per cent stake in six production licences, 75 per cent interest in three exploration licences and a 65 per cent stake in two mining licences, all in Southern England.

### EVERED (HOLDINGS)

Evered Security Products and TI James Gibbons have agreed in principle for key and lock making activities of Gibbons will be bought by Ev Security on April 1.

### AURORA HOLDINGS

Reacquisition of Lerche Machine Tools, loan to director of Lerche of £10,041 met by issue of 10,625 new Aurora shares.

### ASSAM INVESTMENTS

Repetition of exceptional 1976 profit cannot be expected but signs with 50 per cent of crop still to be sold is that 1977 will be satisfactory.

### NEWMAN GRANGER

Offer by Bullough for Newman Granger Inds unconditional. Acceptances 93.4 per cent.

## Briefly

# DECCA LIMITED

## INTERIM REPORT

### Half year to 30th September, 1977

The profits of the Group for the half year to 30th September 1977, based on unaudited accounts, are set out below compared with the corresponding period of 1976 and the year 1976/77.

| | Six Months to 30th Sept. 1977 £'000 | Six Months to 30th Sept. 1976 £'000 | Year to 31st March 1977 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| GROUP TURNOVER— | | | |
| Capital Goods | 49,400 | 49,400 | 102,900 |
| Consumer Goods | 35,100 | 35,900 | 78,500 |
| TOTAL | 84,500 | 85,300 | 181,400 |
| TRADING PROFIT before charging Depreciation, Interest and Taxation | 9,700 | 9,816 | 24,582 |
| Less Depreciation and Amortisation | 3,201 | 2,870 | 5,574 |
| PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION | 6,499 | 6,946 | 19,008 |
| Less Interest Payable (net) | 1,275 | 1,447 | 3,120 |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION | 5,224 | 5,499 | 15,888 |
| Provision for taxation | 3,200 | 3,100 | 8,753 |
| PROFIT AFTER TAXATION | 2,024 | 2,399 | 7,135 |
| Attributable to Minority Shareholders in Subsidiaries | 359 | 395 | 422 |
| PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO DECCA LTD BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS | 1,665 | 2,004 | 6,713 |
| Special items—net effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on net current assets | (139) | 7 | 15 |
| —net costs of re-location and loss on disposal of a trading activity | (317) | — | (229) |
| —surplus on trade investment sale, less dry wells costs | — | — | 121 |
| NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO DECCA LTD | 1,209 | 2,011 | 6,620 |
| Comparative figures for profit/(loss) before interest and taxation are: | | | |
| Capital Goods | 7,054 | 6,196 | 15,959 |
| Consumer Goods | (555) | 750 | 3,049 |
| | 6,499 | 6,946 | 19,008 |

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.3p per share (last year 3.0p) on the Ordinary and "A" Ordinary Shares, each of 25p, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 31st March 1978, payable on 28th April 1978, absorbing £620,719 (last year £564,290).

Navigator and radar profits increased, though lower profits on survey and records, a loss on T.V. and currency changes resulted in group pre-tax profits falling marginally below those of the corresponding period last year. Exports at £27.5 million were up by 21%. Profits for the 6 months do not include the group's share of the results of associated companies.

Present indications are that these trends, and especially the influence of the increased strength of sterling, will result in group profits of the year to March 1978 being below those of the previous year. Large orders for electronic systems were received during the first half year. The rate of inflow of such orders, which will bring substantial benefit in future years, has subsequently increased.

8th February 1978

## NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

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# Ente Nazionale per l'Energia Elettrica-ENEL

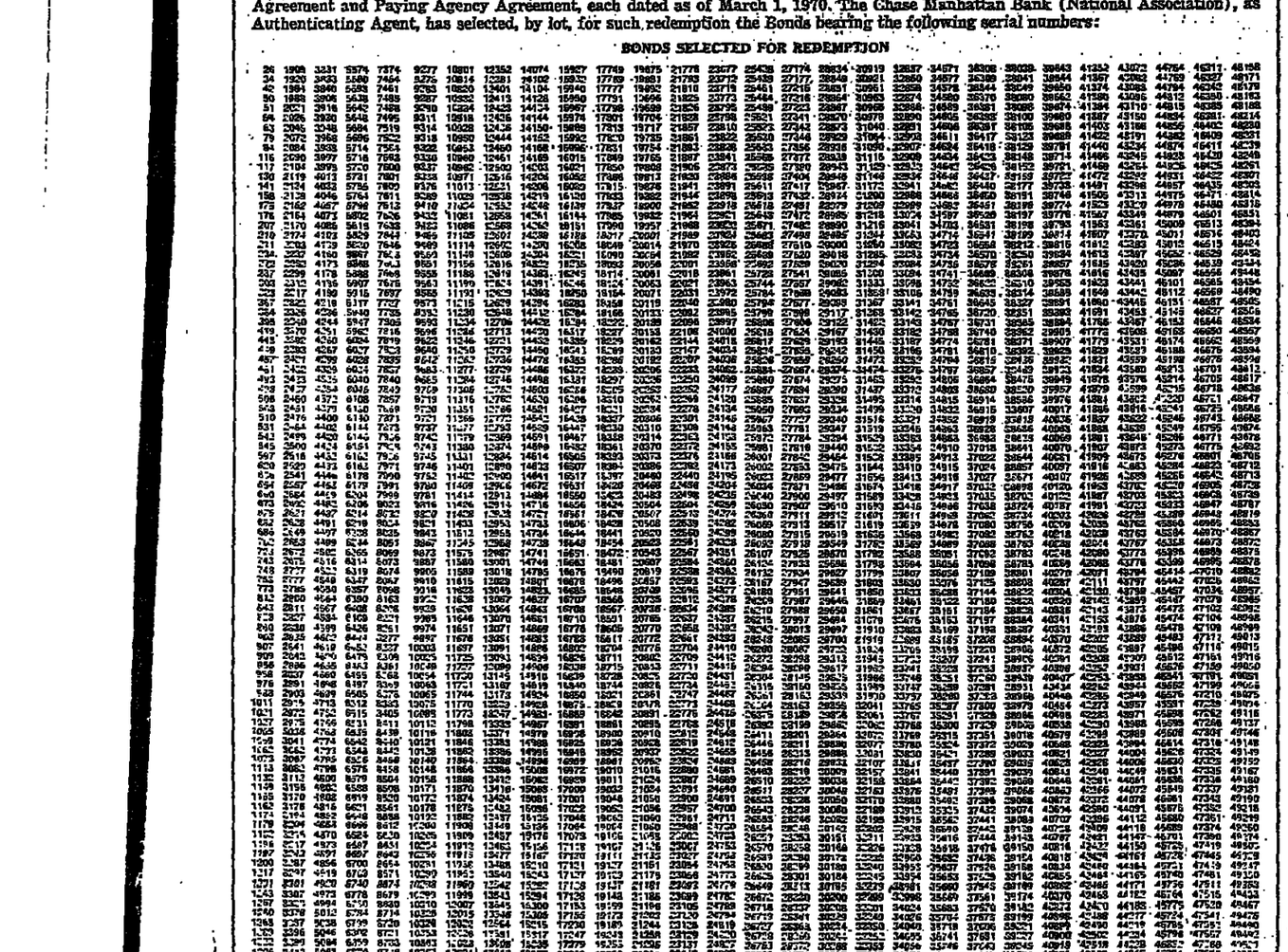
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**7½ Per Cent. 15-Year Guaranteed Bonds of 1970**

**Due March 1, 1985**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, on behalf of Ente Nazionale per l'Energia Elettrica-ENEL, that on March 1, 1978, $3,500,000 principal amount of its 7½ Per Cent. 15-Year Guaranteed Bonds of 1970 will be redeemed out of moneys to be paid by it to Dillon, Read & Co., as Principal Paying Agent, pursuant to the mandatory, annual redemption requirement of said Bonds and to the related Authenticating Agency Agreement and Paying Agency Agreement, each dated as of March 1, 1970. The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Authenticating Agent, has selected, by lot, for such redemption the Bonds bearing the following serial numbers:

BONDS SELECTED FOR REDEMPTION



Bonds so selected for redemption will become and be due and payable in United States dollars on March 1, 1978, at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 48 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, at one hundred per cent (100%) of the principal amount thereof with interest accrued thereon to the redemption date. Bonds should be presented for redemption together with all appurtenant coupons maturing subsequent to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all the Bonds to be redeemed are available at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. on the redemption date, interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after such date.

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DILLON, READ & CO.
*Principal Paying Agent*

Dated: January 26, 1978

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FINANCIAL NEWS

# AGB Research forecasts £1.3m in one-for-four cash call

By Victor Felstead

Plans for a £1m rights issue and the projection of record profits for the current year were announced yesterday by AGB Research. AGB is the leading European market research group and the only company in its activity which is quoted on the Stock Exchange.

It proposes to raise about £1m, after expenses, by a one-for-four issue at 65p a share. AGB's shares held steady at 83p yesterday after the news, indicating that the market is taking a reasonably favourable view of the group's prospects.

The proceeds will be used in the expansion of AGB's continuous syndicated services and in a broadening of its information-based services, research and publishing activities both in the United Kingdom and in Europe.

The board expects pre-tax profits for the year to April 30 to be not less than £1.35m—a record if achieved and an increase of 34 per cent over 1976-77. Treasury permission has been obtained for a total dividend for the year of 5.15p gross in the context of the rights issue.

*Dividends for 1977-78*, therefore, represent an increase of 65 per cent on 1976-77. The new shares will receive the second interim (in lieu of a final) which will be declared in July. Dealings are expected to start, nil paid, on February 13.

*The final date for acceptance* of the offer and payment in full will be March 3. Grenfell & Colegrave, stockbrokers to AGB, will underwrite the issue.

Since going public in 1970, AGB has enjoyed a good growth record, with pre-tax profits quadrupling from 1969-70's £243,000 to last year's peak £1m.

It is mainly engaged in providing individual surveys and *continuous syndicated services* to industry, commerce and government. M rBernard Audley is chairman and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Shadow Chancellor, is o nthe board.

# Redfearn counts cost of defending itself

Redfearn National Glass, the York-based glass container manufacturer, yesterday attacked the "iniquity" of having to meet the high cost of fighting off takeover bids.

The chairman, Mr Stanley Race, told the annual meeting that Redfearn had already had to spend over £80,000 defending itself against bids from Rheem International of the United States and from the Rockware Group of glass bottlemakers. The partial offer from Rheem and the *£19.5m bid for full* control from Rockware were referred to the Monopolies Commission last September.

The commission is also looking at the proposed offer from United Glass which disclosed that it was interested in making an offer for Redfearn after the original monopolies reference.

Although unable to put a figure on the final bill at this stage, Mr Race commented: "It *does seem to me* totally iniquitous that we should have to bear the substantial costs of the defence against unwelcome bids."

Stressing that he was making no complaint against the Monopolies Commission, Mr Race added: "What I regard as really unjust is that we should be asked to pay this heavy financial penalty for being a successful company wishing to *retain its independence.*"

In the year to October 2, Redfearn's pre-tax profits rose from £3.06m to £4.58m. Total expenditure on capital improvements during the year was £6.4m. The company has invested £12m on capital expenditure over the past three years and plans to spend a further £8m in 1977-78.

# SGB ripe for further growth as construction area revives

By Tony May

Following up its record results for 1977, SGB Group is looking for further growth this year. Sir Edgar Black, chairman of this international construction plant and services group, says that there are a number of overseas territories where substantial improvements to *profits could be made if* political and economic factors changed for the better. At home, he hopes that we have seen the worst of the building recession and that the good results achieved in 1977 will *continue. However, the progress* of the group depends upon a more stable and improving world trade in the construction industry.

Over 1977, pre-tax profits jumped 44 per cent from £5.7m to £8.2m. Adjusting for inflation this figure would go down to £5.26m, while the current cost accounting profit for the year, together with the net surplus on the revaluation of assets would *have provided* £7.3m. Operating profits were up 20.4 per cent to £6.8m, the source of funds from £8.7m to £11.8m, and *their application from £6.2m to* £6.9m, leaving additional working capital up from £2.5m to £4.9m.

Group reserves increased by £3.2m and deferred taxation—which is not expected to become payable in the forseeable future—has gone up by over £3m. The group's balance sheet, shows a further improvement with total assets going up £10m to £64m.

Reviewing the *subsidiaries*, Sir Edgar says that Scaffolding (Great Britain), the main operating subsidiary in the United Kingdom, had a much better year despite writing-off profits for "exceptionally high" bad debts. The Youngman Group, Contractors' Services Group and *Hire Service Shops all* had an excellent year, while the stone cleaning activities regained its impetus of work. Sika Contracts, however, had a poor year with pressure on margins and work "somewhat patchy".

Overseas, profit from Europe declined as expected, although all companies performed well up to budgeted levels. SGB Universal Buildings Supply had a good year in both Iran and Saudi Arabia, but the North American market was dull. Strikes contributed to the "significant trading loss" at the Australian subsidiary.



When Mr Cyril Stein (above), chairman of Ladbroke Group, launched the group's "Cashcade" scheme for local authority and charity lotteries yesterday *he predicted sales of* £50m, in the first year. With agreement to operate over 70 weekly lotteries and with a further 30 schemes shortly to be added, "our sales will reach four million tickets per week of 200 million a year. With sales amounting to *£50m, we shall* raise £20m for good causes throughout the United Kingdom in our first full year of operation", he added. *He explained* that with 22 per cent of sales takings going to the operator to cover expenses, Ladbroke is looking for a *profit of 1 to 3* per cent, depending on the level of ticket sales.

Mr Stein said that "Cashcade" would *be operating* nationally in a matter of weeks, declaring: "I believe this is the forerunner of a national lottery."

# Disappointing interim from Mining Supplies

By Michael Clark

Shareholders looking to a further improvement at Mining Supplies were sadly disappointed yesterday as poor interim figures sent the share price sliding 9p to 56p.

Pre-tax profits of the group, which has the National Coal Board as its main customer, slid from £507,000 to £373,000 for the 26 weeks to October 29.

As recently as last week the shares rose to 68p with some dealers expecting the group to turn in profits of about £650,000. Sales of the Yorkshire-based group rose by 26 per *cent to £7.29m, leaving margins* 3.6 per cent lower at 5.1 per cent.

Mr Arthur Snipe, chairman, *in his statement with the* figures, says that the board expects some restoration in the level of profits in the second-*half but it is unlikely that they* will be as high as the record £1.74m achieved last year.

Meanwhile the directors have *decided not to reinstate an* interim dividend.

The reduced profit is mainly because of a loss in the period from mining machinery manufacturing. The group also suffered from the effects of the BOC strike which reduced production for a time.

Heavy development was also incurred during this period on the new coal-producing system. However this was successfully exhibited at the mining machinery exhibition in October and is now acceptable to the National Coal Board for testing. Production of the new system should start shortly and capacity is already available for *this.*

The group has relied on its subsidiary companies' activities to make a greater contribution *to profits* and in this, the chairman reports, they have obliged.

Elsewhere, Mech Electric 24 has found itself in a period of low demand for diesel generators and this subsidiary shows a loss. Production has been scaled-down considerably, but the group believes the machine has potential when trade improves.

# Reliance does better than ever

New York.—Reliance Group, whose main interests are insurance, leasing and management services, has reported record profits for 1977, and it expects to do even better this year.

Mr Saul P. Steinberg, the chairman and chief executive, said: "1977 produced the best results in the company's history. Property and casualty insurance, title insurance and container leasing all achieved record revenues and profits, and our life and health insurance operations returned to profitability in the fourth quarter, and earned a profit for the entire year."

Total revenues in 1977 were over $1.1 billion, an increase of 17.4 per cent on 1976.

Net income was $82.3 million, or $9.78 dollars per share. This went against a net income of $35.4 million in 1976 and represented an increase of 133 per cent. Reliance was once better known as Leasco. A few years ago it engaged in bitter controversy with Pergamon Press after deciding not to pursue a takeover offer.

## American Brands

New York.—Tobacco group American Brands, whose British subsidiary is Gallaher, had record sales and income in 1977, according to Mr Robert K. Heimann, chairman and chief executive officer. Net income for the year was $157,781,000, a rise of 29 per cent.

On a per share basis, net income equalled $5.87, compared with $4.54 a year ago. Sales were $4,616,390,000, up 12 per cent.

The quarterly dividend on the common stock rises from 76 cents to 87.5 cents a share. This raises the indicated annual rate from $3.04 to $3.50, and is the fifteenth dividend increase in the past 14 years.

# Exports lead way at Hirst & Mallinson

By Ashley Druker

Though not completely fulfilling the expectations at halfway, distribution and textiles group *Hirst & Mallinson turns* in results for the year to end-October, 1977, showing a marked improvement after the *setback in 1976.*

Overseas success had much to do with this better state of things, and with exports now representing almost half the sales of its exporting companies taxable profits were boosted by 90 per cent to £330,000 on turnover up from £11.5m to £14.5m.

Earnings a share were lifted from 4.7p to 8.4p, on which the total dividend is raised from 2.51p gross to 2.72p.

At midterm, pre-tax profit rebounded from a loss of £51,000 to a gain of £217,000 reflecting continued improvement within the group. There had been an increase in sales both in distribution and textile activities in spite of weaknesses in the home market. But the major factor, as at full-time, influencing growth was the increase in exports.

Generally, the home market remained flat through the year with pressure on margins, but overseas direct and indirect exports rose from £2.97m to £4.76m out of the total turnover.

Elsewhere, the continued policy of discontinuing provision for tax in areas where it seems unlikely to be payable has result in negative tax charge in the profit and loss account in the past two years and a consequent increase in the reported assets a share from 43.5p to 50p.

# BSG takes in sunshine roof maker

*Motor group BSG International* has bought the whole of the issued share capital of Weathershields, an old estab*lished private group, based in* Birmingham, for a consideration of £941,000. This has been satisfied by the issue, credited *as fully paid of 2.7m new ordinary* shares of 10p each in BSG.

The new ordinary shares have been placed by Samuel Montague *in conjunction with* Sheppards & Chase and Smith Keen Cutler, with the exception of 117,000 shares which have been retained by the vendors. The new shares have been admitted to the official list.

Weathershields, which was founded in 1924, is probably the best known name in sunshine roofs in the United Kingdom with an excellent reputation at home and abroad. BSG introduced its Britax Sunliner Cassette steel roof in 1977 and is highly complementary to the Weathershield roofs. BSG has further involvement in the sunshine roof business via its subsidiary Coenen in Holland. The amalgamation of the interests of Weathershields, BSG and the agents of both companies will make them a formidable force in the growing sunshine roof business.

Pre-tax profits of Weathershields for the year to September 30, 1977, were £344,000 and the book value of net tangible assets at that date was £495,000.

Weathershields also produces motor coach and commercial vehicle ventilators which are complementary products to BSG's motor components produced for both after-market and original equipment applications.

# Capitol half-time gives scant comfort to EMI

There is little sign of any comfort for EMI from its *Capitol Industries—EMI Inc* offshoot. While the future of the body scanner is the central factor in hopes of a return to *growth an upturn in the rest* of the business would be useful. Earlier this year Sir John Read said that profits were running well below last year, and this could apparently mean a decline of as much as 30 per cent in the first half. If continued for the full year this would mean a drop in profits from £65m to £45m.

The latest quarter of Capitol shows a 28 per cent fall in net profits to $2,041,000 on sales down from $61.2m to $59.5m. *This indicates a drop in margins* from 4.6 per cent to 3.4 per cent, and shows a slight decline in profits compared with the $2.047 *made in the first quarter*—itself a fall of 35 per cent.

## Monk takeovers in South Wales

Warrington-based A. Monk & Co, which is in civil *engineering, building and reinforced* concrete construction, has bought D. M. J. Ltd, Gerwyn Davies and Sons and Neath Plant. These companies were principally owned by Mr Gerwyn Davies and his wife. All three firms operate from Neath, West Glamorgan. The total price was £678,000 cash. The aggregate value of the net assets of the three at May 31, 1977, was £509,000 and total pre-tax profits for the year to that date were £167,000.

## Hardy Furnishers in sale-and-leaseback

The popularity of cash-raising sale-and-leaseback deals is further *illustrated* by the purchase of part of the Croydon sites occupied by Hardy & Co (Furnishers). The buyer is the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society which is buying part of Hardy's sites at 112/114 High Street and 45 Laud Street, Croydon, for £1.2m. The assets have a book value of £675,000.

The premises have been leased back to Hardy for a 35-year term at an initial annual rental, reviewed every five years, of £70,000.

AMENDMENTS TO NOTICES PUBLISHED 25/1/78

1. Re Company Application No. 936
(MADRAS TEA ESTATES LIMITED/TEA ESTATES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED)
(a) Line 6 should read :—
" IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 391, 392 AND 393 OF THE SAID ACT ".
(b) In schedule to notice, under heading " Chairman appointed by the Court ", line 3 should read :—
" Andhra Insurance Building ".
2. Re Company Application No. 937
(STANMORE (ANAMALLAY) ESTATES LIMITED/TEA ESTATES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED)
(a) Line 6 should read :—
" IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 391, 392 AND 393 OF THE SAID ACT ".
(b) (i) In schedule to notice, under heading " Chairman appointed by the Court ", line 3 should read :—
" Andhra Insurance Building ".
(ii) *In schedule to notice, under heading " Date, time and place of meeting ", line 2 should read :—*
" at 3 p.m. at " ;
and line 8 should read :—
" at 4 p.m. at "

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

# Esso Overseas Finance N.V.

## 8% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of March 15, 1971 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures aggregating $6,000,000 principal amount bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on March 15, 1978 ($3,000,000 principal amount through operation of the mandatory Sinking Fund and $3,000,000 principal amount through operation of the optional Sinking Fund) at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

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Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures with coupons due March 15, 1979 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 10015; Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Banca Vonwiller & C. S.p.A. in Milan and Rome; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam; and Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise in Luxembourg. Coupons due March 15, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after March 15, 1978 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

Dated: February 9, 1978

ESSO OVERSEAS FINANCE N.V.

NOTICE

The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

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# MARKET REPORTS

## Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

**US STRAIGHTS**

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Australia 7½ 1984 | 98 | 98¾ |
| Australia 8⅛ 1992 | 98 | 98¾ |
| Aust Mining 9¼ 1992 | 95 | 95¾ |
| Avco 9¼ 1985 | 98 | 98¾ |
| Barclays 8½ 1992 | 101 | 101½ |
| Bowater 9½ 1992 | 96½ | 97½ |
| British Gas 9 1981 | 97 | 97¾ |
| Citicorp 7¾ 1980 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Citicorp 7 1981 | 96¾ | 97¾ |
| CECA 8½ 1989 | 96¼ | 97 |
| CECA 8½ 1997 | 96 | 96¾ |
| EIB 8⅜ 1987 | 96½ | 97 |
| Elf Aquitaine 8¾ 1985 | 97 | 97¾ |
| EIB 8¼ 1987 | 96¼ | 97 |
| ELC 7¾ 1983 | 97 | 97¾ |
| Fisons 8½ 1992 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Gotaverken 7⅞ 1982 | 94½ | 95½ |
| Gotaverken 8¼ 1987 | 95¼ | 96 |
| Hydro Quebec 9 1992 | 94½ | 95 |
| ICI 8¾ 1987 | 95½ | 96½ |
| ICI O'seas 8⅛ 1987 | 96¾ | 97½ |
| Liebl Services 9 1992 | 96½ | 97 |
| MacMillan Bloed 9 1992 | 97½ | 98½ |
| Midland Int 8⅝ 1992 | 96½ | 97½ |
| NCB 8 1987 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Nat West 9 1986 | 104½ | 105½ |
| New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Nippon Fudosan 8 1981 | 95¼ | 96 |
| Occidental 8½ 1987 | 98½ | 99¼ |
| Offshore Mining 9¼ 1985 | 97½ | 98 |
| Quebec 9 1996 | 97½ | 98½ |
| Rank Hovis 9 1992 | 95½ | 96½ |
| R J Reynolds 7¾ 1982 | 94 | 94½ |
| Sandvik 8⅛ 1986 | 98¾ | 99½ |
| Stattsforetag 7¾ 1982 | 99½ | 100½ |
| Fundstrand 8⅛ 1987 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Sweden 7⅞ 1982 | 97½ | 98½ |
| Sweden 8⅛ 1987 | 97½ | 98½ |
| Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987 | 95½ | 96½ |
| Walter Kidde 8⅛ 1985 | 97 | 97¾ |

**FLOATING RATE NOTES**

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Andelsbanken 7 11.16 '84 | 96¾ | 96¾ |
| CCF 6⅛ 1983 | 99½ | 99⅞ |
| IRJ 7 11.16 1982 | 99¼ | 99⅞ |
| LTCB 6⅛ 1982 | 99⅛ | 99⅞ |
| OKB 6⅛ 1983 | 99¼ | 100¼ |
| Soc Gen 7-9/16 1984 | 98⅛ | 98¾ |

**CANADIAN DOLLARS**

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Avco 9¼ 1982 | 99¼ | 99¾ |
| BM-Rt 8¾ 1982 | 97¾ | 98¾ |
| Ford 8¾ 1981 | 99¾ | 98¾ |
| British Columbia MFA 9 1997 | 98¾ | 99¼ |
| Bank 9¼ 1982 | 99½ | 100¼ |
| Walter Heller 9¼ 1984 | 98¾ | 99¼ |

**DEUTSCHE MARKS**

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| CFP 6¼ 1984 | 105½ | 104½ |
| ICI 6¾ 1987 | 105½ | 106 |
| New Zealand 6¾ 1984 | 105½ | 106½ |
| Pfizer 6⅛ 1989 | 102 | 103½ |
| Quebec Hydro 6¼ 1987 | 101½ | 102½ |

**US $ CONVERTIBLES**

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| American Express 4¼ '87 | 80½ | 82½ |
| Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992 | 94½ | 96½ |
| Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991 | 108½ | 110½ |
| Beecham 6¾ 1992 | 98 | 99 |
| Burden 6¾ 1991 | 107 | 109 |
| Carnation 4 1988 | 78 | 80 |
| Chevron 5 1988 | 121½ | 123½ |
| Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988 | 82½ | 84½ |
| Fairchild Camera 5¼ '91 | 80½ | 82½ |
| Ford 5 1988 | 81½ | 83½ |
| Ford 6 1986 | 91½ | 93½ |
| General Electric 4¼ 1987 | 80 | 82 |
| Gillette 4¾ 1987 | 77 | 79 |
| Gould 5 1987 | 113 | 115 |
| Gulf & Western 5 1988 | 78 | 80 |
| Honeywell 6 1986 | 86½ | 88½ |
| ICI 6¾ 1997 | 85¾ | 86¾ |
| INA 6 1997 | 93 | 94½ |
| Inchcape 6¾ 1992 | 102 | 103 |
| ITT 4½ 1987 | 76 | 78 |
| J. Ray McDermott 4¾ '87 | 152 | 154 |
| Mitsui Real Estate 6 '92 | 113½ | 115½ |
| J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987 | 95 | 97 |
| Nabisco 5¼ 1988 | 100½ | 102½ |
| J. C. Penney 4½ 1987 | 75½ | 77½ |
| Revlon 4½ 1987 | 107 | 109 |
| Reynolds Metals 5 1988 | 85 | 87 |
| Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 | 82½ | 84½ |
| Squibb 4¼ 1987 | 78 | 80 |
| Sumitomo Electric 6 '92 | 119½ | 121 |
| Texaco 4½ 1988 | 77 | 79 |
| Union Bank of Switz 4½ 1987 | 145 | 147 |
| Warner Lambert 4½ '87 | 80 | 82 |
| Xerox Corp 5 1988 | 77½ | 79½ |

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

## Recent Issues

| | Closing Price |
|---|---|
| Cardiff City 11½ Rd 1986 (£100) | £99 |
| Exchequer 10¾% 1995 (£95b) | £29¾ |
| Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104) | 122 |
| Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£99) | £98¾ |
| Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53) | 64 |
| Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1992 (*) | £10½ |
| Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord | 104 |
| Treasury 10¾% 1999 (£95) | £92¾ |

| RIGHTS ISSUES | Latest date of renunc | |
|---|---|---|
| Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75) | Mar 10 | 42 prem |
| Manch Garages (21) | Mar 3 | 4 prem |
| Midland Bank (330) | Feb 21 | 14 prem-1 |
| Nat Bnk of Aust ($A1.75) | Mar 3 | 80 prem |
| Neill J. (84) | Mar 10 | 85 |

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £5 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

## Bank Base Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN Bank | 6½% |
| Barclays Bank | 6½% |
| Consolidated Crdts | 6½% |
| First London Secs | 6½% |
| C. Hoare & Co | *6½% |
| Lloyds Bank | 6½% |
| London Mercantile | 6½% |
| Midland Bank | 6½% |
| Nat Westminster | 6½% |
| Rossminster Acc's | 6½% |
| TSB | 6½% |
| Williams and Glyn's | 6½% |

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3¾%, over £25,000 4¼%.


**WANKIE COLLIERY COMPANY LIMITED**
*(Incorporated in Rhodesia)*

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF 5½ PER CENT FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK 1962/1978

Interest Payment No. 49

Notice is hereby given that no transfers of debenture stock will be registered by the Company during the period 11th to 28th February, 1978, both dates inclusive, and that warrants in payment of interest due in respect of the half year ending 28th February, 1978, are due to be paid on that date to debenture stockholders registered at the close of business on 10th February, 1978.

Interest is payable in United Kingdom currency and payment will be made from Salisbury and Johannesburg in the Rhodesian or South African equivalent of the sterling value at the rate of exchange ruling at the close of business on 28th February, 1978. Cheques in payment of interest will be despatched as soon as possible thereafter.

In terms of exchange control regulations payment of interest to stockholders resident in the United Kingdom, Zambia or Tanzania, must be paid into blocked account in the shareholder's name with a registered commercial bank in Rhodesia. Arrangements are being made for stockholders formerly paid from the United Kingdom and who are not resident in the United Kingdom, Zambia or Tanzania to be paid their interest from Rhodesia.

By order of the Board
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED.
Secretaries
per J. R. Parker

*Office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries:*
Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8EQ

*London Office:*
40, Holborn Viaduct, EC1P 1AJ
*31st January, 1978*



**M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited**
62/63 Threadneedle Street London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651
**The Over-the-Counter Market**


| 1977/78 High | Low | Company | Last Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div (p) | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 27 | Airsprung Ord | 42 | — | 4.2 | 10.1 | 7.8 |
| 150 | 106 | Airsprung 18½% CULS | 139 | — | 18.4 | 13.0 | — |
| 39 | 25 | Armitage & Rhodes | 38 | — | 3.3 | 8.7 | 16.2 |
| 147 | 105 | Bardon Hill | 147 | — | 12.0 | 8.2 | 10.1 |
| 105 | 51 | Deborah Ord | 105 | — | 5.1 | 4.9 | 8.5 |
| 216 | 108 | Deborah 17½% CULS | 215 | — | 17.5 | 8.1 | — |
| 147 | 120 | Frederick Parker | 136 | — | 11.5 | 8.5 | 6.6 |
| 58 | 36 | Jackson Group | 51 | — | 5.0 | 9.8 | 6.0 |
| 114 | 55 | James Burrough | 108 | −3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 9.9 |
| 340 | 188 | Robert Jenkins | 320 | — | 27.0 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| 24 | 9 | Twinlock Ord | 16½ | — | — | — | — |
| 82 | 54 | Twinlock 12% ULS | 82 | — | 12.0 | 14.6 | — |
| 79 | 51 | Unilock Holdings | 79 | — | 7.0 | 8.9 | 9.8 |
| 90 | 67 | Walter Alexander | 90 | — | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 |

**COPPER.**—Cash wire bars gained £4.25 and three months put on £4.50.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £629.50-30.00 a metric ton; three months £642.50-43.00. Sales, 2,850 tons. Cash cathodes, £619-19.50; three months, £632-32.50. Sales, 650 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £627-27.50; three months, £640-40.50. Settlement, £627.50. Sales, 12,800 tons. Cash cathodes, £616.50-17.50; three months £629.50-30.00. Settlement, £617.50. Sales, 300 tons.

**SILVER** was barely steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 253.6p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 488.3); three months, 257.5p (495.5c); six months, 263.1p (505c); one year, 273.9p (524.7c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 252.8-53.0p; three months, 256.7-56.9p. Sales, 104 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 253.4-53.6p; three months, 257.5-57.6p. Settlement, 253.6p. Sales, 40 lots.

**TIN** was steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,365-70 a metric ton; three months, £6,250-60. Sales 135 tons. High grade, cash, £6,365-70; three months, £6,255-80. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,370-80; three months, £6,270-80. Settlement, £6,380. Sales, 695 tons. High grade, cash, £6,370-80; three months, £6,275-6,300. Settlement, £6,380. Sales, 15 tons. Singapore tin closed for Chinese new year.

**LEAD** was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £313-14 per metric ton; three months, £320-20.50. Sales, 1,800 tons. Morning.—Cash, £314.25-14.50; three months, £320.50-21.00. Settlement, £314.50. Sales, 3,500 tons.

**ZINC** was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £247-47.50 a metric ton; three months, £251-52. Sales, 550 tons. Morning.—Cash, £246.50-47.00; three months £251.50-52.00. Settlement, £247. Sales, 3,750 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

**PLATINUM** was at £110.35 ($213) a troy ounce.

**RUBBER** was quiet (pence per kilo).—March, 46.70-46.80; April, 46.20-46.70; April-June, 47.05-47.20; July-Sept, 48.70-48.80; Oct-Dec, 50.35-50.40; Jan-March, 53.05-53.10; April-June, 53.60-53.80; July-Sept, 55.20-55.25; Oct-Dec, 56.85-56.90. Sales: 229 lots at 15 tonnes.

**RUBBER PHYSICALS** were dull.—Spot, 46.75-48.25. Cifs, March, 47.75-48.25; April, 48-48.50.

**COFFEE:** Robustas were firm, arabicas were steady.

**ROBUSTAS** (£ per metric tonne): March, 1,840-1,843; May, 1,678-80; July, 1,582-83; Sept, 1,538-39; Nov, 1,488-90; Jan, 1,435-80; March, 1,385-1,430. Sales: 2,310 lots including 13 options.

**ARABICAS** ($ per 50 kilos): April, 217.25-17.50; June, 200.50-01.00; Aug, 188.20-88.30; Oct, 178.30-78.45; Dec, 167-69; Feb, 158-163. Sales: 57 lots.

**PALM OIL** was quiet.—Feb, £270-80 per metric ton; March, £270-80; April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct all £260-70.

**COCOA** was fully steady.—March, £1,564-66 per metric ton; May, £1,483-84; July, £1,457-60; Sept, £1,441-42; Dec, £1,421-22; March, £1,400-05; May, £1,385-90. Sales: 1,781 lots. ICCO prices unavailable due to US market being closed.

**SUGAR** futures were irregular. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £108; the "whites" price was unchanged at £119.—March, £116.20-16.25 per metric ton; May, £120.10-20.20; Aug, £122.15-22.20; Oct, £124.25-24.40; Dec, £125.75-25.95; March, £130-30.25; May, £133-33.25. Sales, 2,533 lots. ISA prices, 8.51c; 15-day average 8.88c.

**SOYABEAN MEAL** was quiet.—Feb, £107.50-08.00 per metric ton; April, £103.80-04.00; June, £103.80-04.00; Aug, £104.60-05.40; Dec, £105-05.50; Feb, £106-08.00. Sales, 90 lots.

**WOOL.**—Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 234-37; May, 234-37; July, 235-37; Oct, 238-42; Dec, 242-44; March, 246-47; May, 246-48; July, 246-48. Sales, nil.

**JUTE** was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $490 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat $475. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs580 per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs580.

**GRAIN** (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Feb and March, £85.50 Tilbury sellers. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Feb, £84; March, £82.25 trans-shipment east coast sellers.

**MAIZE.**—No 3 yellow American/French: Feb, £96.50; March, £100 trans-shipment east coast sellers. Kenya grade 3: March, £70 nominal. South African yellow: March, £67.75 quoted.

**BARLEY** was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

**London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).** EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady: March £72.55; May £75.05; Sept £78.95; Nov £81.50; Jan £83.90. Sales, 106 lots. **WHEAT:** Old crop barely steady; new crop steady. March £84.05; May £85.80; Sept £83.50; Nov £85.90; Jan £88.40. Sales, 260 lots.

**Home-Grown Cereals Authority.**—Location ex-farm spot prices:—

| | Other milling WHEAT | Feed WHEAT | Feed BARLEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hertford | — | £75.50 | £70 |
| Borders | — | — | £71 |

**Meat Commission:** Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 8.—GB: Cattle 63.02p per kg lw (−0.50). UK: Sheep 129.3p per kg est dcw (−0.1). GB: Pigs 59.8p per kg lw (no change). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 49.4 per cent, average price 63.27p (−0.69). Sheep numbers down 6.9 per cent, average price 129.3p (+0.5). Pig numbers down 7.1 per cent, average price 59.8p (no change). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 24.0 per cent, average price 62.21p (−0.13). Sheep numbers down 13.3 per cent, average price 127.8p (−4.6). Pig numbers down 45.8 per cent, average price 59.1p (+1.6).

## Commodities

# Further price declines for commodities forecast

Further price declines for most major commodities traded in London were forecast yesterday by Chart Analysis. In its latest weekly technical report, based on Monday's closing prices, it commented in part as follows:

**Copper:** The overall trend remains bearish.

**Silver:** Heavy overhead resistance evident above current levels should continue to restrict upside potential.

**Tin:** With the indicator now overbought, upside potential is limited and last month's low at £5,960 per tonne should be penetrated in coming weeks.

**Zinc:** Appears to be redistributing prior to another downside move which could carry as low as £215 per tonne.

**Lead:** The current sideways activity is likely to be resolved with a further downward move.

**Cocoa:** Prices should rally slightly farther in the short term before the downward trend is resumed.

**Coffee:** The long-term downward trend should reassert itself in coming weeks.

**Sugar:** Prices are easing towards the lows once again. The overhead resistance is considerable and recent rallies have been poor. This suggests that prices will fall farther.

**Wool:** This has rallied sharply, "but overhead resistance evident above current levels (around 352.5 Australian cents for July delivery) will make further gains more difficult to achieve.

**Soyabean Meal:** The overall trend is bearish.

**Rubber:** There is still no evidence that the bear market trend is over.

## Wall Street

New York, Feb 8.—The New York stock market closed mostly higher today, but below its best *levels of the session.*

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.81 points to 782.66. At its high for the day it was up almost six points.

Gainers outpaced losers by about 955 to about 450. Volume was 21,300,000 shares, compared with 14,730,000 yesterday.

### Gold closes $2 down

Chicago, Feb 8.—**GOLD** futures closed lower in moderately active trading. On the Comex prices were off $1.50 to $2.00. Prices on the IMM were off 70 cents to $2.00. NY COMEX. Feb, $174.20; March, $174.80; April, $175.90; June, $178.20; Aug, $180.60; Oct, $183.00; Dec, $185.50; Feb, $188.00; April, $190.80; June, $193.60; Aug, $196.40; Oct, $199.30; Dec, $202.20. CHICAGO IMM. March, $174.70-174.90; June, $178.10-178.30; Sept, $181.80 asked -182.00; Dec, $185.80 bid; March, $189.60; June, $193.50; Sept, $197.00 asked; Dec, $201.50.

**SILVER.**—Futures were: Feb, 483.70c; March, 484.80c; April, 488.20c; May, 491.60c; July, 498.50c; Sept, 505.60c; Dec, 516.40c; Jan, 519.90c; March, 527.20c; May, 534.50c; July, 541.90c; Sept, 549.30c; Dec, 560.40c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.385 (previous Can$5.396).

**COPPER.**—Futures closed steady between 30 and 10 points down. Feb, 56.70c; March, 57.00c; April, 57.50c; May, 58.00c; July, 59.00c; Sept, 60.00c; Dec, 61.30c; Jan, 61.80c; March, 62.70c; May, 63.60c; July, 64.60c; Sept 65.50c; Dec, 66.90c.

**SUGAR.**—Futures in No 11 contract were: March, 8.92c; May, 9.25-28c; July, 9.42-43c; Sept, 9.60-61c; Oct, 9.71c; Jan, 10.11c bid; March, 10.27-28c; May, 10.45c; July, 10.60-80c.

**COTTON.** Futures were: March, 56.80c; May, 57.70-90c; July, 58.80-90c; Oct, 59.50-60c; Dec, 60.00c; March, 61.10-15c; May, 61.40-80c; July, 61.00c bid.

**COFFEE.** Futures in "C" contract closed locked up the four cent limit. March, 199.25-50c; May, 178.32c bid; July, 165.00c bid; Sept, 156.63c bid; Dec, 146.25c bid; March, 142.00c; May, 138.00-43.00c; July, 143.00c asked.

**COCOA:** Futures were: March, 136.20c; May, 125.30c; July, 121.00c; Sept, 118.65c; Dec, 115.50c; March, 113.50c; May, 111.50c.

**CHICAGO SOYABEANS.** Meal dropped $3.20 to $2.10 a ton and Oil lost 0.26 to 0.15 cent a lb. SOYABEANS.—March, 560-61c; May, 569½-69c; July, 575¼-75c; Aug, 577¼c; Sept, 568c; Nov, 567½-68c; Jan, 574-74½c; March, 581½c. SOYABEAN OIL.—March, 20.35-37c; May, 20.25-27c; July, 20.15-20c; Aug, 20.17-15c; Sept, 19.80c; Oct, 19.45-47c; Dec, 19.40-35c; Jan, 19.35-38c; March, 19.35-38c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—March, $149.00-8.80; May, $152.80-2.90; July, $156.20-6.10; Aug, $157.00; Sept, $157.50-8.00; Oct, $157.30-7.70; Dec, $159.50; Jan, $159.50-160.00; March, $160.00-0.50.

**CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT.** March, 263-63¼c; May, 270-69¾c; July, 275¼-¼c; Sept, 277¼c; Dec, 285¼c; March, 295¼c. **CORN.** March, 225¼-¼c; May, 229¼-¼c; July, 229½-¼c; Sept, 227c; Dec, 226¼-¼c; March, 233¼c. **OATS.** March, 133c; May, 134¼c; July, 136c; Sept, 137¼c; Dec, 142¼c asked.

| | Feb 8 | Feb 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Allied Chem | 36⅞ | 36¾ |
| Allied Stores | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Allied Supermkt | 2⅜ | 2⅜ |
| Allis Chalmers | 25⅞ | 25⅞ |
| Alcoa | 40 | 39¾ |
| Amax Inc | 33⅞ | 33⅝ |
| Amerada Hess | 24¾ | 24⅞ |
| Am Airlines | 9⅞ | 10 |
| Am Brands | 45⅞ | 44 |
| Am Broadcast | 36⅞ | 36⅛ |
| Am Can | 36⅞ | 36½ |
| Am Cyanamid | 25¼ | 25½ |
| Am Elec Power | 23¾ | 23½ |
| Am Home | 28⅞ | 28⅞ |
| Am Motors | 4⅛ | 4⅛ |
| Am Nat Res | 41⅝ | 41⅝ |
| Am Standard | 35½ | 34 |
| Am Telephone | 60¼ | 59⅞ |
| AMF Inc | 17 | 17 |
| Armco Steel | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Asarco | 15⅛ | 14⅞ |
| Ashland Oil | 29⅛ | 28¾ |
| Atlantic Richfield | 47 | 47 |
| Avco | 19⅛ | 18⅞ |
| Avon Products | 45⅞ | 45⅞ |
| Babcock & Wcox | 57⅞ | 57⅞ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Bank of America | 22¾ | 22⅝ |
| Bank of NY | 30⅞ | 30⅛ |
| Beatrice Foods | 23⅛ | 23 |
| Bell & Howell | 14¾ | 14⅞ |
| Bendix | 34⅞ | 34 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 22⅞ | 22½ |
| Boeing | 29⅞ | 29⅜ |
| Boise Cascade | 24⅜ | 24 |
| Borden | 28⅛ | 28¾ |
| Borg Warner | 26⅜ | 25⅞ |
| Bristol Myers | 32⅞ | 32¾ |
| BP | 15 | 14⅞ |
| Budd | 33⅛ | 33¼ |
| Burlington Ind | 20⅛ | 20⅛ |
| Burlington Nthn | 39⅝ | 39⅜ |
| Burroughs | 63⅞ | 64 |
| Campbell Soup | 35¼ | 35⅛ |
| Canadian Pacific | 15⅛ | 15⅜ |
| Caterpillar | 50⅞ | 50⅞ |
| Celanese | 38⅛ | 37⅞ |
| Central Soya | 13½ | 13⅝ |
| Charter NY | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Chase Manhat | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Chem Bank NY | 38⅝ | 38⅞ |
| Chesapeake Ohio | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Chrysler | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |
| Citicorp | 20⅞ | 20⅝ |
| Cities Service | 47⅞ | 47⅝ |
| Clark Equip | 32½ | 32⅛ |
| Coca Cola | 37⅛ | 37 |
| Colgate | 19⅝ | 19⅛ |
| CBS | 45⅞ | 45⅜ |
| Columbia Gas | 29⅝ | 28 |
| Combustion Eng | 33⅞ | 34 |
| Comwlth Edison | 28 | 27⅞ |
| Cons Edison | 22⅞ | 23 |
| Cons Foods | 24¾ | 24⅜ |
| Cons Power | 22⅞ | 22⅞ |
| Continental Grp | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Continental Oil | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Control Data | 23⅜ | 23½ |
| Corning Glass | 48⅝ | 48⅞ |
| CPC Intnl | 44 | 43 |
| Crane | 26⅜ | 26⅜ |
| Crocker Int | 24⅛ | 24⅜ |
| Crown Zeller | 31 | 30⅞ |
| Dart Ind | 36⅞ | 36⅞ |
| Deere | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Del Monte | 24⅛ | 23⅞ |
| Delta Air | 38⅝ | 38⅞ |
| Detroit Edison | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Disney | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| Dow Chemical | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Dresser Ind | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Duke Power | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Du Pont | 107⅛ | 107⅛ |
| Eastern Air | 6⅛ | 6⅛ |
| Eastman Kodak | 46⅛ | 45⅞ |
| Eaton Corp | 35 | 34⅞ |
| El Paso Nat Gas | 16 | 16 |
| Equitable Life | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Esmark | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Evans P. D. | 15⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Exxon Corp | 45⅞ | 45⅞ |
| Fed Dept Stores | 38⅛ | 38⅛ |
| Firestone | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Fst Chicago | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Fst Nat Boston | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |

| | Feb 8 | Feb 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Fst Penn Corp | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Ford | 42⅛ | 41⅞ |
| GAF Corp | 11⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Gamble Skogmo | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Gen Dynamics | 42⅛ | 41⅞ |
| Gen Electric | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Gen Foods | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Gen Mills | 28 | 27⅛ |
| Gen Motors | 60 | 59⅞ |
| Gen Pub Util NY | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Gen Tel Elec | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Gen Tire | 24 | 24⅛ |
| Genesco | 5⅛ | 5⅛ |
| Georgia Pacific | 25⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Getty Oil | 163⅛ | 163⅛ |
| Gillette | 25⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Goodrich | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Goodyear | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Gould Inc | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Grace | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| Gt Atltc & Pacific | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| Greyhound | 13 | 13 |
| Grumman Corp | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Gulf Oil | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| Gulf & West | 11⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Heinz H. J. | 36⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Hercules | 14⅛ | 14⅛ |
| Honeywell | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| IC Inds | 24⅛ | 24 |
| Ingersoll | 57⅛ | 57⅛ |
| Inland Steel | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| IBM | 260⅛ | 260⅛ |
| Int Harvester | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| INCO | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Int Paper | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Int Tel Tel | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Jewel Co | 18 | 18⅛ |
| Jim Walter | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Johns-Manville | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Johnson & John | 71⅛ | 70⅛ |
| Kaiser Alumin | 24⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Kennecott | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Kerr McGee | 42⅛ | 42⅛ |
| Kimberly Clark | 42⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Kraftco Corp | 42⅛ | 42⅛ |
| K Mart | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| Kroger | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Liggett Group | 27⅛ | 27 |
| L.T.V. Corp | 6⅛ | 6⅛ |
| Litton | 14⅛ | 14⅛ |
| Lockheed | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |
| Lucky Stores | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |
| Manuf Hanover | 32⅛ | 32 |
| Mapco | 34⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Marathon Oil | 44⅛ | 43⅛ |
| Marine Midland | 13⅛ | 14 |
| Martin Marietta | 23⅛ | 24⅛ |
| McDonnell | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Mead | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Merck | 52⅛ | 52⅛ |
| Minnesota Mng | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Mobil Oil | 60⅛ | 59⅛ |
| Monsanto | 50⅛ | 50⅛ |
| Morgan J. P. | 41⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Motorola | 36⅛ | 38 |
| NCR Corp | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| NL Industries | 16⅛ | 16 |
| Nabisco | 50 | 48⅛ |
| Nat Distillers | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Nat Steel | 31 | 30⅛ |
| Norfolk West | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| NW Bancorp | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Norton Simon | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Occidental Pet | 23 | 22⅛ |
| Ogden | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Olin Corp | 17⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Owens-Illinois | 21⅛ | 21 |
| Pacific Gas Elec | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Pan Am | 5⅛ | 5⅛ |
| Penney J. C. | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| Pennzoil | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Pepsico | 28 | 28 |
| Pet Inc | 37⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Pfizer | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Phelps Dodge | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Philip Morris | 59 | 59⅛ |
| Phillips Petrol | 30 | 30 |
| Polaroid | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| PPG Ind | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Proctor Gamble | 79⅛ | 79⅛ |
| Pub Ser El & Gas | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Pullman | 28 | 28⅛ |
| Rapid American | 6 | 6⅛ |
| Raytheon | 32⅛ | 32 |
| RCA Corp | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |

| | Feb 8 | Feb 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Republic Steel | 24⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Reynolds Ind | 56⅛ | 56⅛ |
| Reynolds Metal | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Rockwell Int | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Royal Dutch | 56 | 56⅛ |
| Safeways | 38⅛ | 38⅛ |
| St Regis Paper | 28⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Santa Fe Ind | 37 | 36⅛ |
| SCM | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Schlumberger | 68⅛ | 68⅛ |
| Scott Paper | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |
| Seaboard Coast | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Seagram | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Sears Roebuck | 27⅛ | 26⅛ |
| Shell Oil | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Shell Trans | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Signal Co | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| Singer | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Sony | 8 | 8 |
| Sth Cal Edison | 26⅛ | 26⅛ |
| Southern Pacific | 34 | 33⅛ |
| Southern Rly | 49⅛ | 48⅛ |
| Sperry Rand | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| Squibb | 25⅛ | 25 |
| Std Brands | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| Std Oil Califnia | 38⅛ | 38⅛ |
| Std Oil Indiana | 47⅛ | 46⅛ |
| Std Oil Ohio | 68⅛ | 67⅛ |
| Sterling Drug | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |
| Stevens J. P. | 15 | 14⅛ |
| Stude Worth | 48⅛ | 49 |
| Sunbeam Corp | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Sun Comp | 38⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Sundstrand | 33 | 33 |
| Teledyne | 69⅛ | 69⅛ |
| Tenneco | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Texaco | 26⅛ | 26⅛ |
| Texas East Trans | 43 | 42⅛ |
| Texas Inst | 70⅛ | 70⅛ |
| Texas Utilities | 20⅛ | 20 |
| Textron | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| TWA | 12⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Travelers Corp | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| TRW Inc | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| UAL Inc | 23⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Unilever Ltd | 42⅛ | 42⅛ |
| Unilever NV | 54⅛ | 54⅛ |
| Union Bancorp | 13 | 13 |
| Union Carbide | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Union Oil Calif | 50⅛ | 50⅛ |
| Un Pacific Corp | 45⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Uniroyal | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| United Brands | 8⅛ | 8⅛ |
| US Industries | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| US Steel | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Utd Technol | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Wachovia | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Warner Comm | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Warner Lambert | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Wells Fargo | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |
| West'n Bancorp | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Westinghse Elec | 18⅛ | 18 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Whirlpool | 21⅛ | 20⅛ |
| White Motor | 7⅛ | 8⅛ |
| Woolworth | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Xerox Corp | 46⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Zenith | 13⅛ | 13⅛ |

**Canadian Prices**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abitibi | 11⅛ | 10⅛ |
| Alcan Alumin | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Algoma Steel | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Bell Telephone | 52⅛ | 52⅛ |
| Cominco | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Cons Bathurst | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Falconbridge | 18⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Gulf Oil | 28⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Hawker/Sid Can | 5.75 | 5.75 |
| Hudson Bay Min | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Hudson Bay Oil | 43⅛ | 43⅛ |
| Imasco | 30 | 29⅛ |
| Imperial Oil | 19 | 19⅛ |
| Int Pipe | 14 | 13⅛ |
| Mass-Fergsn | 15 | 15 |
| Royal Trust | 15⅛ | 15 |
| Seagram | 24⅛ | 24 |
| Steel Co | 23 | 23 |
| Talcorp | 8⅛ | 8⅛ |
| Thomson N 'A' | 11⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Walker Hiram | 30⅛ | 31 |
| WCT | 32⅛ | 32⅛ |

•Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9332 (1.9350); three months, 1.9306 (1.9341); Canadian dollar 90.10 (90.01).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 360.27. The futures index was 333.43.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 782.66 (778.85); transportation 214.55 (213.48); utilities, 106.12 (105.51); 65 stocks, 274.51 (273.12). New York Stock Exchange index, NA (50.08); industrials NA (53.64); transportation, NA (49.70); utilities, NA (39.31); financial NA (60.97).

### Tin shipments

*Singapore, Feb 8.*—Shipment of Straits refined tin from Penang rose to 55,32.75 tonnes in January against 5,143 in December.

Of January shipments, the highest intake was by Belgium and Holland at 1,994.25 tonnes, with the United States second at 1,304 tonnes.

### January turnover on the LME

London Metal Exchange turnover in January (1977 figures in brackets) was: Copper wire bars, 352,250 tonnes (331,800); cathodes, 41,950 (45,125); standard tin, 36,695 (36,095); high-grade tin, 2,115 (140); lead, 204,675 (120,400); zinc, 99,750 (104,750); silver, 23.6m troy ounces (32.67m).

### Scandinavian Bank

Scandinavian Bank reports continued growth in the year to December 31 last, with gross profits of £7.2m—an increase of 11.5 per cent on the previous year. Net profit at £3.7m increased 17.4 per cent. Total assets of the group came to £852m.

Although corporate loan demand remains depressed and competition intensifies in the international banking sector, leading to longer maturities and finer margins.

## Foreign Exchange

Sterling bounced back well yesterday following the miners' leaders decision to support the Government's recommendations on pay awards. The pound ended just 10 points easier against the dollar at $1.9335. At one time in the morning, sterling was down more than a cent as the market reacted to the banking figures that indicated target-breaking money supply growth and carried the threat of higher interest rates. The effective exchange rate index finally showed a loss of 0.3

Widespread covering of positions brought a good recovery in the French franc after its recent steep decline on fears of left-wing victory at the general election. The franc climbed from 4.9200 to 4.8875.

Gold lost $0.75 to close in London at $174.625 per ounce.

### Spot Position of Sterling

| | Market rates (day's range) February 8 | Market rates (close) February 8 |
|---|---|---|
| New York | $1.9290-9350 | $1.9330-9340 |
| Montreal | $2.1330-1460 | $2.1445-1455 |
| Amsterdam | 4.32½-37½fl | 4.36½-37½fl |
| Brussels | 62.70-63.40f | 63.25-35f |
| Copenhagen | 10.98-11.05k | 11.04-05k |
| Frankfurt | 4.04-09m | 4.07½-08½m |
| Lisbon | 77.30-78.20e | 77.90-78.20e |
| Madrid | 155.40-156.40p | 156.25-35p |
| Milan | 1663-73lr | 1671-72lr |
| Oslo | 9.95½-97½k | 9.91½-92½k |
| Paris | 9.37-46f | 9.44½-45½f |
| Stockholm | 8.93-9.00k | 8.95½-99½k |
| Tokyo | 463-72y | 469½-68½y |
| Vienna | 29.10-35sch | 29.25-35sch |
| Zurich | 3.75½-81f | 3.79½-80½f |

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was down 0.3% at 66.0%.

### Forward Levels

| | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|
| New York | .08c prem-.02c disc | .27-.17c prem |
| Montreal | .10c prem-par | .22-.12c prem |
| Amsterdam | 1c prem-par | 3-2c prem |
| Brussels | 5c prem-5c disc | 10c prem-par |
| Copenhagen | 7½-8½ore disc | 22½-24½ore disc |
| Frankfurt | 1½-½pf prem | 4½-3½pf prem |
| Lisbon | 60-140c disc | 360-600c disc |
| Madrid | 40-120c disc | 210-290c disc |
| Milan | 9-16lr disc | 31-38lr disc |
| Oslo | 7-9ore disc | 18½-20½ore disc |
| Paris | 4½-5½c disc | 15½-16½c disc |
| Stockholm | 3½-4½ore disc | 8-10ore disc |
| Vienna | 2-12gro disc | 5-27gro disc |
| Zurich | 2½-1½c prem | 6½-5½c prem |

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9010-0.9013.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6½-6¾; seven days, 6½-6¾; one month, 6¾-6⅞; three months, 6⅞-7; six months, 7⅛-7¼.

### Gold

Gold fixed: am, $175 (an ounce); pm, $174.7. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $179½-181½ (£92½-93½); resident, $184-186 (£94½-95½). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $55½-57½; resident, $55½-57½ (£28½-29½).

## Discount market

Money looked to be slightly in surplus at the finish yesterday but the authorities took no action since the situation had already largely corrected itself from the conditions of sizeable surplus that were being predicted in the morning.

Funds were cheap throughout, and had been plentiful during the first few hours. Houses reported some "chunky" sums on offer as they pulled their bids back from a tentative 5-4½ per cent at the outset and made substantial progress until 3½-3 per cent was reached by lunchtime. In the afternoon the picture became a little patchy, but no particular difficulty emerged, and books were mostly ruled off between 3 per cent and 4 per cent.

The only minus item was the tail-end of the gilt "call" that was due on Monday. On the plus side, the market benefited from slightly above-target balances

### Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 4½ Low 3
Week Fixed: 5-4½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 6⅛ | 2 months | 5⅞ |
| 3 months | 6⅛ | 3 months | 5⅞ |

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 6⅛-6⅛ | 3 months | 7 |
| 3 months | 6⅛-6⅛ | 4 months | 7 |
| 4 months | 6⅛-6⅛ | 6 months | 7 |
| 6 months | 7⅛-6⅞ | | |

Local Authority Bonds

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 6⅛-6⅛ | 7 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 2 months | 6⅛-6⅛ | 8 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 3 months | 7⅛-6⅛ | 9 months | 8⅛-7⅛ |
| 4 months | 7⅛-7 | 10 months | 8⅛-7⅛ |
| 5 months | 7⅛-7⅛ | 11 months | 8⅛-7⅛ |
| 6 months | 7⅛-7⅛ | 12 months | 8⅛-8⅛ |

Secondary Mkt ECD Rates (%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 6⅛-6⅛ | 6 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 3 months | 7⅛-6⅞ | 12 months | 8-7⅞ |

Local Authority Market (%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 5⅛-5 | 3 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 7 days | 5⅛-5⅛ | 6 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 1 month | 6⅛ | 1 year | 8⅛-8 |

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 5-4½ Close 3½-3

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 week | 5⅛-5 | 6 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 1 month | 6⅛-6⅛ | 9 months | 7⅛-7⅛ |
| 3 months | 7⅛-7 | 12 months | 8⅛-8 |

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 7⅛ 6 months 8

Finance House Base Rate 7½%

### Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 118.20 on February 7 against 118.77 a week earlier.

# Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

## Authorized Unit Trusts

[illegible]

## Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

## Offshore and International Funds

[illegible]

Stock Exchange Prices

# Late rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 30. Dealings End, Feb 10. § Contango Day, Feb 13. Settlement Day, Feb 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

MAN IN WOOL Pure new wool — Drummond's Freedom Suitings ...ask your tailor!

## BRITISH FUNDS

| Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only Yield | Gross Red. Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9% 1978 | 100¹¹⁄₁₆ | • .. | 8.970 | 5.376 |
| 10½% 1978 | 102 | -⅛ | 10.294 | 5.703 |
| 5% 1976-78 | 99⅜ | -⅛ | 5.031 | 6.008 |
| 11½% 1979 | 104 | •-⅛ | 11.059 | 7.370 |
| 3% 1979 | 96 | • .. | 3.126 | 5.643 |
| 4½% 1974-79 | 96½ | -⅛ | 4.403 | 6.583 |
| 10½% 1979 | 102⅝ | -⅛ | 10.233 | 8.847 |
| 3½% 1976-79 | 95⅝ | .. | 3.661 | 6.469 |
| 9% 1980 | 100⅝ | •-⅛ | 8.944 | 8.668 |
| 9½% 1980 | 100⅝ | -⅛ | 9.442 | 9.193 |
| 3½% 1977-80 | 93 | -⅛ | 3.765 | 6.783 |
| 5¼% 1978-80 | 94 | -⅛ | 5.586 | 8.112 |
| 13% 1980 | 107½ | -⅛ | 12.085 | 9.844 |
| 11½% 1981 | 103⅞ | .. | 11.071 | 9.836 |
| 3½% 1979-81 | 90 | •-⅛ | 3.890 | 7.254 |
| 9¾% 1981 | 99½ | .. | 9.799 | 9.825 |
| 8¼% 1981 | 95⅝ | .. | 8.636 | 9.561 |
| 9½% 1981 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 9.744 | 10.034 |
| 3% 1981 | 87⅝ | • .. | 3.424 | 7.028 |
| 12¼% 1981 | 107¾ | +⅛ | 11.819 | 10.178 |
| 8¼% 1980-82 | 95¾ | •-⅛ | 8.878 | 9.826 |
| 3% 1982 | 84⅜ | •-⅛ | 3.549 | 7.350 |
| 14% 1982 | 112¼ | •+⅛ | 12.472 | 10.276 |
| 8¼% 1982 | 94 | +⅛ | 8.777 | 9.974 |
| 8¼% 1982 | 96⅝ | .. | 9.549 | 10.108 |
| 3% 1983 | 81⅞ | •-⅛ | 3.682 | 7.491 |
| 12% 1983 | 105⅝ | • .. | 11.250 | 10.302 |
| 9½% 1983 | 98¼ | +⅛ | 9.670 | 10.317 |
| 5½% 1982-84 | 86 | .. | 6.425 | 8.853 |
| 8½% 1984-86 | 93⅞ | +⅛ | 9.180 | 9.799 |
| 6½% 1985-87 | 94⅛ | +⅛ | 7.895 | 9.410 |
| 7¾% 1985-88 | 85⅝ | +⅛ | 9.071 | 10.103 |
| 3% 1978-88 | 64½ | +⅛ | 4.672 | 8.189 |
| 5% 1986-89 | 71⅛ | +⅛ | 7.169 | 9.846 |
| 13% 1990 | 110⅝ | +⅛ | 11.677 | 11.521 |
| 8¼% 1987-90 | 88⅞ | +⅛ | 9.799 | 10.870 |
| 11¾% 1991 | 101½ | +⅛ | 11.693 | 11.673 |
| 5¾% 1987-91 | 70⅝ | +⅛ | 8.348 | 10.076 |
| 12¾% 1992 | 107⅝ | •+⅛ | 11.846 | 11.756 |
| 10% 1992 | 88⅝ | •+⅛ | 11.134 | 11.480 |
| 12¼% 1992 | 103⅝ | •+⅛ | 11.863 | 11.766 |
| 12½% 1993 | 105⅝ | +⅛ | 11.850 | 11.832 |
| 6% 1993 | 65⅝ | •+⅛ | 9.005 | 10.440 |
| 13¾% 1993 | 115⅛ | +⅛ | 12.246 | 11.903 |
| 14½% 1994 | 117⅝ | •+⅛ | 12.298 | 11.970 |
| 12½% 1994 | 104 | •+1⅛ | 11.979 | 11.896 |
| 9% 1994 | 85 | +⅛ | 10.727 | 11.133 |
| 12% 1995 | 101⅝ | +⅛ | 11.842 | 11.809 |
| 3% 1990-95 | 49⅛ | +⅛ | 6.212 | 8.940 |
| 12¾% 1995 | 109⅝ | +⅛ | 12.019 | 11.913 |
| 9% 1992-96 | 83⅝ | •+⅛ | 10.820 | 11.192 |
| 15¼% 1996 | 126½ | +⅛ | 12.465 | 12.173 |
| 13¼% 1998 | 112⅝ | +⅛ | 12.090 | 11.948 |
| 3% 1966-96 | 47⅝ | +⅛ | 6.443 | 8.944 |
| 13¼% 1997 | 110⅝ | +⅛ | 12.079 | 11.945 |
| 10½% 1997 | 91⅝ | •+⅛ | 11.425 | 11.273 |
| 8¾% 1997 | 80 | •+⅛ | 10.873 | 11.234 |
| 6¾% 1995-98 | 68 | +⅛ | 10.205 | 10.942 |
| 15½% 1998 | 130⅝ | +⅛ | 12.402 | 12.164 |
| 9½% 1999 | 86⅝ | +⅛ | 11.076 | 11.275 |
| 3½% 1999-04 | 39⅝ | +⅛ | 8.863 | 10.103 |
| 8% 2002-06 | 76½ | +⅛ | 10.857 | 11.039 |
| 5½% 2008-12 | 52 | •+⅛ | 10.489 | 10.754 |
| 7¾% 2012-15 | 72 | +⅛ | 10.609 | 10.895 |
| 4% | 34⅞ | .. | 11.502 | .. |
| 3½% | 35⅞ | .. | 9.960 | .. |
| 3½% | 37⅛ | .. | 9.762 | .. |
| 3% | 26⅝ | .. | 11.730 | .. |
| 2½% | 22⅛ | .. | 11.293 | .. |
| 2½% Aft 75 | 22⅛ | .. | 11.712 | .. |

## [COMMONW]EALTH AND FOREIGN

| Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only Yield | Gross Red. Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5½% 76-78 | 101½ | +⅛ | 5.314 | 7.020 |
| 5½% 77-80 | 94¾ | +⅛ | 5.871 | 9.234 |
| 5½% 81-82 | 86½ | .. | 6.508 | 10.180 |
| 6% 81-83 | 85½ | .. | 7.281 | 10.092 |
| 7% 79-81 | 90⅞ | • .. | 7.703 | 10.109 |
| Mixed | 90 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5½% 77-83 | 74 | +½ | 7.862 | 12.862 |
| 4½% 1930 | 340 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4½% 1924 | 40 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7½% 81-83 | 87 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7¾% 77-79 | 97 | +½ | 8.032 | 10.514 |
| Ass 4% 1910 | 289 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5% 83-88 | 84½ | +½ | .. | .. |
| 5¾% 78-82 | 88½ | +½ | 6.530 | 12.650 |
| 7½% 78-82 | 89½ | +½ | 8.963 | 12.395 |
| 6% 78-80 | 93 | •+⅛ | 6.431 | 9.690 |
| 7¼% 80-82 | 71½ | .. | 10.248 | 11.454 |
| 7½% 83-86 | 86½ | .. | 8.785 | 10.147 |
| 6% 78-81 | 89 | .. | 6.772 | 10.628 |
| 6% 78-81 | 89 | .. | 6.772 | 10.628 |
| 6% Ass | 155 | .. | .. | .. |
| 9½% 79-81 | 84 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7½% 65-70 | 82 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4½% 87-92 | 58 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6% 76-81 | 88 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4% | 45 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5¾% 78-82 | 78½ | • .. | 7.296 | 12.595 |
| 3½% | 93 | .. | .. | .. |

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| Stock | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only Yield | Gross Red. Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3% 1920 | 24½ | • .. | 12.323 | .. |
| 5½% 80-83 | 80½ | .. | 6.848 | 10.417 |
| 5½% 77-81 | 90 | -⅛ | 6.074 | 8.764 |
| 5½% 82-84 | 79⅜ | .. | 6.921 | 9.908 |
| 5½% 85-87 | 71⅝ | .. | 7.774 | 10.508 |
| 6% 76-79 | 96⅝ | •-⅛ | 6.299 | 9.377 |
| 6¼% 88-90 | 73 | .. | 9.290 | 10.827 |
| 6¼% 90-92 | 68 | .. | 9.903 | 11.347 |
| 9½% 80-82 | 97½ | .. | 9.748 | 10.160 |
| 12½% 1982 | 103⅝ | -⅛ | 12.040 | 11.361 |
| 12½% 1983 | 104 | .. | 12.001 | 11.489 |
| 6½% 76-78 | 99⅝ | .. | 6.515 | 7.070 |
| 6½% 80-82 | 85½ | .. | 7.596 | 10.694 |
| 7¼% 81-84 | 89½ | .. | 9.063 | 10.898 |
| 7¾% 81-83 | 73½ | .. | 11.005 | 11.868 |
| 8% 80-90 | 79½ | .. | 9.748 | 11.327 |
| 8½% 77-80 | 91 | .. | 7.143 | 10.338 |
| 6¼% 78-79 | 96¾ | -⅛ | 6.739 | 9.568 |
| 6½% 77-79 | 97½ | .. | 6.682 | 8.949 |
| 6¾% 78-81 | 87½ | -⅛ | 7.702 | 10.890 |
| 6¾% 77-79 | 92¾ | -⅛ | 6.646 | 8.889 |
| 8½% 80-82 | 90½ | .. | 9.709 | 10.525 |
| 6¼% 76-78 | 99⅜ | .. | 6.790 | 7.787 |
| 3½% 1981 | 107 | .. | 12.805 | 11.029 |
| 3% B 34-03 | 30½ | • .. | 9.757 | 11.439 |
| 6½% 79-80 | 87½ | .. | 7.423 | 14.209 |
| 7% 83-84 | 81 | .. | 8.784 | 11.722 |
| 6½% 81-83 | 80½ | • .. | 7.985 | 11.570 |
| 6¾% 76-79 | 99½ | .. | 6.781 | 7.814 |
| 5¼% 77-79 | 96⅝ | .. | 5.433 | 9.044 |
| 6¾% 83-86 | 80½ | .. | 8.349 | 10.492 |
| 6% 78-80 | 92½ | -⅛ | 6.496 | 10.184 |

## COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **A — B** | | | | | |
| 122 | 77 | AAH | 113 | -1 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| 143 | 56 | AB Electronic | 99 | .. | 7.6 | 7.7 | 6.8 |
| 40 | 25 | AC Cars | 40 | .. | 1.5 | 3.7 | 10.0 |
| 39 | 32 | AGB Research | 83 | .. | 3.6 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| 228½ | 134 | APV Hldgs | 190 | -3 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 7.6 |
| 73 | 43 | Aaronson Bros | 59 | .. | 2.8 | 4.8 | 8.7 |
| 116 | 63 | Acrow | 114 | .. | 3.6 | 3.2 | 13.0 |
| 98 | 52 | Do A | 78 | .. | 3.6 | 4.6 | 8.9 |
| 41 | 17 | Adda Int | 37 | -1 | 0.8 | 2.1 | .. |
| 282 | 150 | Adwest Group | 249 | -2 | 15.2 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| 63 | 34 | Aeron'l & Gen | 59 | .. | 3.5 | 5.8 | 10.7 |
| 62 | 45 | Airfix Ind | 46 | .. | 4.6 | 9.9 | 6.1 |
| 131 | 79 | Albright & W | 95 | +1 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.2 |
| 96 | 69 | Alcan 10½% | £96½ | -½ | 1050 | 11.9 | .. |
| 144 | 71 | Do 9% Cnv | £143 | .. | 900 | 6.3 | .. |
| 300 | 205 | Alginate Ind | 290 | .. | 19.7 | 6.8 | 10.7 |
| 77 | 44 | Allen E. Balfour | 57 | .. | 6.6 | 11.6 | .. |
| 56½ | 29½ | Allen W. G. | 54 | .. | 4.3 | 7.9 | 6.0 |
| 100½ | 46¼ | Allied Colloids | 87 | • +1 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 11.6 |
| 67 | 43 | Allied Insulators | 62 | .. | 5.8 | 8.5 | 7.5 |
| 17 | 7½ | Allied Plant | 14½ | -½ | 1.1 | 7.4 | 8.7 |
| 200 | 79½ | Allied Retailers | 195 | .. | 13.2 | 6.8 | 9.4 |
| 46 | 19 | Alpine Hldgs | 38½ | -½ | 2.5 | 6.4 | 23.1 |
| 282 | 210 | Amal Metal | 275 | .. | 21.5 | 7.8 | 5.9 |
| 138 | 57¾ | Amal Power | 116 | -1 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 6.5 |
| 41 | 21 | Amber Day | 35 | .. | 3.0 | 8.7 | 5.0 |
| 28 | 8 | Amber Ind Hldgs | 17 | .. | 0.8a | 4.4 | 2.6 |
| 96 | 41 | Anchor Chem | 65 | -3 | 6.0 | 9.2 | 7.3 |
| 37½ | 34 | Anderson Strath | 47 | .. | 3.8 | 8.2 | 6.4 |
| 90 | 46½ | Anglia TV 'A' | 83 | .. | 6.3 | 7.7 | 6.1 |
| 540 | 390 | Anglo Amer Ind | 450 | .. | 42.9 | 9.5 | 4.3 |
| 42 | 22 | Ang Swiss Hldgs | 34 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 96 | 49 | Appleyard | 84 | .. | 6.7 | 8.0 | 7.3 |
| 38½ | 19½ | Aquascutum 'A' | 35½ | .. | 2.1 | 5.9 | 8.0 |
| 123 | 66¼ | Arlington Mtr | 117 | .. | 11.7 | 10.0 | 8.9 |
| 75 | 38 | Armitage Shanks | 68 | .. | 6.5 | 9.5 | 9.9 |
| 73 | 39 | Armst Equip | 58½ | .. | 3.1 | 5.2 | 10.0 |
| 53 | 44 | Aspray 9½% Pf | 50 | .. | 6.0 | 12.0 | .. |
| 94 | 55¼ | Ass Biscuit | 75 | +3 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| 177 | 85 | Ass Book | 177 | +6 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 7.8 |
| 76½ | 43 | Ass Brit Food | 61 | -1 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 142 | 82 | Ass Engineer | 120 | -1 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 71 | 36 | Ass Fisheries | 54 | -1 | 4.6 | 8.4 | 5.2 |
| 62 | 26½ | Ass Leisure | 51 | .. | 4.3 | 8.3 | 9.5 |
| 196 | 121 | Ass News | 147 | -1 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 8.4 |
| 57 | 20 | Ass Paper | 50 | • +½ | 4.4 | 8.7 | 4.9 |
| 284 | 153 | Ass Port Cement | 236 | -2 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 7.6 |
| 119 | 68½ | Ass Tel 'A' | 103 | • .. | 9.9 | 9.6 | 7.2 |
| 28 | 23 | Ass Tooling | 26 | • .. | 3.5 | 13.3 | 9.6 |
| 42 | 23 | Astbury & Madley | 30 | .. | 1.7 | 4.3 | 8.1 |
| 54 | 27 | Atkins Bros | 54 | +1 | 5.6 | 10.3 | 8.4 |
| 43 | 27 | Audiotronic | 30 | .. | .. | .. | 7.4 |
| 37 | 22 | Ault & Wiborg | 30½ | .. | 2.9 | 9.3 | 6.5 |
| 99 | 56 | Aurora Hldgs | 87 | -2 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 4.2 |
| 70 | 30 | Austin E. | 67 | .. | 5.5 | 8.2 | 4.8 |
| 113½ | 51 | Automotive Pd | 91 | .. | 2.8 | 3.1 | 7.3 |
| 34½ | 14½ | Avana Grp | 31½ | .. | 1.6 | 4.9 | 7.9 |
| 174 | 113 | Averys | 157 | .. | 8.3 | 5.3 | 9.4 |
| 305 | 74 | Avon Rubber | 191 | .. | 14.1 | 7.4 | 2.8 |
| 307 | 225 | B.A.T. Ind | 292 | +2 | 21.1 | 7.3 | 5.0 |
| 260 | 209 | Do Dfd | 238 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 68 | 39 | BBA Grp | 53 | -1 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 7.7 |
| 114 | 71 | BET Dfd | 98 | • -1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.4 |
| 136 | 57 | BICC | 103 | -2 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 12.2 |
| 82 | 61 | BOC Int | 69 | • .. | 4.8 | 6.9 | 4.7 |
| 276 | 111 | BPB Ind | 231 | .. | 11.0 | 4.8 | 7.1 |
| 50 | 26 | BPM Hldgs 'A' | 47 | .. | 4.3 | 9.2 | 6.3 |
| 42½ | 17½ | BSG Int | 38 | +1 | 3.2 | 8.4 | 6.8 |
| 151 | 86 | BSR Ltd | 95 | .. | 7.1 | 7.5 | 4.3 |
| 292 | 142½ | BTR Ltd | 227 | +2 | 13.8 | 6.1 | 7.9 |
| 144 | 70 | Babcock & W | 116 | +2 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 5.1 |
| 36 | 21 | Baggeridge Brk | 33 | .. | 3.5 | 10.7 | 10.2 |
| 9¼ | 3 | Bailey C.H. Ord | 8 | .. | 0.3 | 4.0 | 61.5 |
| 169 | 98 | Baird W. | 152 | .. | 14.1 | 9.2 | 5.7 |
| 112 | 65 | Baker Perkins | 94 | .. | 6.3 | 6.7 | 5.6 |
| 53 | 28½ | Bambergers | 48 | .. | 4.5 | 9.4 | 5.4 |
| 15 | 3½ | Barker & Dobson | 13½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 208 | 144 | Barlow Rand | 184 | -5 | 16.5 | 8.9 | 3.8 |
| 74 | 39 | Barr & Wallace | 71 | .. | 5.1 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| 72 | 37 | Do A | 69 | .. | 5.1 | 7.4 | 6.7 |
| 126 | 56¼ | Barratt Devs | 113 | .. | 13.2 | 10.2 | 5.3 |
| 54 | 36 | Barrow Hepbn | 48 | .. | 5.6 | 11.6 | 6.8 |
| 55 | 40 | Barton & Sons | 49 | .. | 5.0 | 10.2 | 4.6 |
| 135 | 69 | Bassett G. | 128 | -1 | 7.8 | 5.6 | 8.5 |
| 99 | 29 | Bath & P'land | 81 | .. | 6.0 | 6.1 | 4.5 |
| 67 | 34 | Beales J. | 56 | .. | 4.0 | 7.1 | 4.1 |
| 193 | 66 | Beatson Clark | 166 | .. | 7.8 | 4.6 | 6.6 |
| 51 | 25½ | Beaufort Grp | 50 | .. | 4.6 | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| 73¼ | 48 | Beckman A. | 66 | -1 | 6.8 | 10.2 | 7.3 |
| 690 | 373 | Beecham Grp | 635 | +5 | 28.0 | 4.4 | 13.3 |
| 83 | 38½ | Bejam Grp | 67 | +4 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 9.5 |
| 85 | 54 | Bemrose Corp | 66 | .. | 5.8 | 8.8 | 6.3 |
| 70 | 25½ | Benn Bros | 58 | .. | 2.3 | 5.8 | 9.4 |
| 227 | 148¼ | Beris'd S & W | 214 | .. | 12.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 62 | 31 | Berisfords | 62 | .. | 3.4 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| 64 | 36 | Best & May | 51 | .. | 4.3 | 8.4 | 6.9 |
| 166 | 122 | Bestobell | 153 | -1 | 14.3 | 9.3 | 7.9 |
| 69 | 28 | Betz Bros | 65 | • +1 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 7.1 |
| 227 | 102 | Bibby J. | 214 | .. | 10.1 | 4.7 | 6.9 |
| 74 | 54 | Birmid Qualcat | 69 | -1 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 5.4 |
| 77 | 50 | Birm'gham Mint | 65 | -2 | 6.6 | 10.1 | 7.0 |
| 239 | 149 | Bishops Stores | 165 | .. | 3.7 | 2.2 | 9.3 |
| 206 | 97 | Do A NV | 125 | .. | 3.7 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| 123 | 66 | Black & Edg'tn | 114 | .. | 6.4 | 5.6 | 15.1 |
| 44 | 25 | Blackman & C | 17 | .. | .. | .. | 30.4 |
| 93 | 40 | Blackw'd Hodge | 76 | -1 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| 30 | 15 | Blackwood M. | 26½ | -½ | .. | .. | 14.7 |
| 245 | 123 | Blagden & N | 223 | -2 | 18.2 | 8.2 | 3.8 |
| 72 | 39 | Blundell Perm | 61 | • .. | 4.4 | 7.2 | 5.9 |
| 13 | 7½ | Boardman K. O. | 12 | .. | 1.5 | 12.3 | 3.2 |
| 73 | 33 | Bodycote | 66 | -1 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 6.4 |
| 36 | 17 | Bonser Eng | 22 | .. | 2.0 | 9.2 | 12.2 |
| 240 | 126 | Booker McCon | 212 | +1 | 10.7 | 5.1 | 9.7 |
| 212 | 84 | B'sey & Hawkes | 200 | .. | 7.3 | 3.6 | 8.2 |
| 157 | 81 | Boot H. | 132 | .. | 12.5 | 9.4 | 5.9 |
| 242 | 115 | Boots | 203 | +2 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 15.5 |
| 97 | 68 | Borthwick T. | 79 | +1 | 9.4 | 12.4 | 9.6 |
| 26½ | 14 | Boulton W. | 19½ | .. | 2.1 | 10.6 | 6.3 |
| 216 | 160 | Bowater Corp | 170 | .. | 14.7 | 8.6 | 8.0 |
| 66 | 34 | Bowthrpe Hldgs | 56 | .. | 2.3 | 4.2 | 6.6 |
| 96 | 62 | Braby Leslie | 81 | -2 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 4.6 |
| 76 | 60 | Brady Ind | 70 | .. | 8.6 | 12.3 | 13.3 |
| 75 | 57 | Do A | 68 | .. | 8.6 | 12.6 | 12.9 |
| 40 | 28½ | Braham Millar | 36 | .. | 2.3 | 6.3 | 4.9 |
| 45 | 17 | Braid Grp | 42 | • .. | 2.1 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| 179 | 67½ | Braithwaite | 146 | +1 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 118 | 44½ | Brammer H. | 115 | .. | 6.4 | 5.5 | 10.7 |
| 53 | 38 | Bremner | 49 | .. | 5.8 | 11.8 | 9.3 |
| 206 | 90 | Brent Chem Int | 183 | -1 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 15.1 |
| 83 | 25 | Brent Walker | 52 | .. | 1.7a | 3.3 | 23.6 |
| 36 | 23 | Brickhouse Dud | 33 | -1 | 3.3 | 10.1 | 6.5 |
| 172 | 105 | Bridon | 116 | .. | 9.6 | 8.2 | 6.2 |
| 41½ | 27½ | Bright J. Grp | 36 | .. | 3.7 | 10.2 | 6.5 |
| 44½ | 29 | Brit Car Auctn | 41 | .. | 3.0 | 7.3 | 10.1 |
| 17 | 11 | Brit Enkalon | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 246 | 137 | Brit Home Strs | 195 | -1 | 8.9 | 4.6 | 16.4 |
| 28 | 20 | Brit Leyland | 27 | .. | .. | .. | 2.1 |
| 120½ | 80 | Brit Northrop | 97 | +1 | .. | .. | 3.5 |
| 49½ | 31 | Brit Printing | 43 | .. | 4.8 | 11.2 | 6.9 |
| 90 | 50 | Brit Sym Spec | 84 | .. | 7.2 | 8.5 | 9.8 |
| 490 | 278 | Brit Sugar | 450 | • .. | 28.8 | 6.4 | 2.7 |
| 70¼ | 30½ | Brit Syphon Ind | 59 | .. | 4.6 | 7.7 | 8.0 |
| 60 | 29½ | Brit Tar Prod | 49 | .. | 2.1 | 4.3 | 8.6 |
| 90 | 44 | Brit Vita | 78 | .. | 3.1 | 3.9 | 8.6 |
| 28½ | 13½ | Brittains | 25 | -1 | 2.1 | 8.5 | 20.3 |
| 64 | 44 | Brockhouse Ltd | 58½ | .. | 3.5 | 9.4 | 5.6 |
| 86 | 41 | Brocks Grp | 71 | +2 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 12.6 |
| 715 | 385 | Broken Hill | 420 | .. | 19.3 | 4.6 | 42.0 |
| 40 | 30 | Bronx Eng | 35 | .. | 2.4 | 6.8 | 5.4 |
| 71 | 35 | Brook St Bur | 60 | -1 | 6.4 | 10.6 | 15.5 |
| 56 | 38 | Brooke Bond | 47 | .. | 4.3 | 8.9 | 3.9 |
| 37 | 11 | Brooke Tool | 25 | .. | 1.5 | 6.1 | 4.4 |
| 121 | 49 | Brotherhood P. | 117 | .. | 8.8b | 7.5 | 4.1 |
| 100 | 74 | Brown & Tawse | 95 | -1 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.1 |
| 58 | 19 | BSK | 46 | .. | 2.7 | 5.8 | 11.0 |
| 34 | 13 | Brown Bros Cp | 23 | +½ | 1.6 | 7.3 | 12.6 |
| 292 | 96 | Brown J. | 290 | -2 | 13.2a | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 124 | 85 | Bruntons | 106 | .. | 10.6 | 10.0 | 7.5 |
| 47 | 17 | Bryant Hldgs | 46 | +1 | 3.4 | 7.4 | 9.7 |
| 136 | 66 | Bullough Ltd | 128 | • -2 | 8.8a | 6.8 | 4.5 |
| 48 | 28 | Bulmer & Lumb | 44 | .. | 4.8 | 10.8 | 5.5 |
| 120 | 87 | Bunzl Pulp | 108 | .. | 7.4 | 7.0 | 4.2 |
| 64 | 35 | Burco Dean | 62 | +3 | 5.6 | 9.1 | 6.2 |
| 36 | 22 | Burgess Prod | 36 | .. | 3.5 | 9.8 | 5.6 |
| 184 | 64 | Burnett H'shire | 168 | .. | 4.1 | 2.5 | 8.0 |
| 184 | 63 | Do A NV | 166 | .. | 4.1 | 2.5 | 7.9 |
| 39 | 16 | Burns And'son | 37½ | .. | 2.2 | 5.9 | 8.5 |
| 17¼ | 9 | Burrell & Co | 13 | .. | 1.4 | 10.8 | 6.7 |
| 185 | 130 | Burt Boulton | 185 | +4 | 15.3 | 8.3 | 5.3 |
| 142 | 31 | Burton Grp | 124 | .. | 2.3 | 1.8 | .. |
| 130 | 39 | Do A | 118 | +1 | 2.3 | 1.9 | .. |
| 75 | 43 | Bury & Masco | 74 | .. | 6.4 | 8.7 | 10.9 |
| 69 | 30 | Butterfld-Harvy | 66 | -1 | 3.4a | 5.1 | 9.0 |
| | | **C — E** | | | | | |
| 33 | 13¼ | CH Industrials | 27½ | +½ | 2.1 | 7.8 | 4.7 |
| 58½ | 36½ | Cadbury Sch | 52½ | -½ | 4.1 | 7.9 | 10.3 |
| 110 | 70 | Caffyns | 100 | .. | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.1 |
| 55 | 48 | C'bread Robey | 52 | .. | 2.3 | 4.4 | 14.5 |
| 133 | 50 | Campari | 120 | -1 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 6.3 |
| 121 | 64 | Do B | 111 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 82 | 45½ | Camrex Hldgs | 66 | -2 | 6.0 | 9.1 | 5.5 |
| 65 | 36 | Canning W. | 63 | .. | 5.3 | 8.5 | 10.4 |
| 126 | 97 | Cape Ind | 113 | .. | 11.5 | 10.2 | 3.8 |
| 79 | 37 | Caplan Profile | 76 | .. | 7.3 | 9.6 | 4.9 |
| 90 | 33½ | Capper Neill | 62 | .. | 3.2 | 5.1 | 7.3 |
| 95 | 33 | Caravans Int | 85 | • .. | 7.0 | 8.3 | 3.2 |
| 68 | 35 | Carclo Eng | 63 | .. | 4.5 | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| 81 | 32 | Carless Capel | 36 | .. | 1.3 | 3.6 | 9.3 |
| 175 | 59 | Carlton Ind | 169 | -1 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 7.5 |
| 76 | 42 | Carpets Int | 44 | +1 | 6.1 | 13.8 | 4.8 |
| 48 | 16½ | Carr J. (Don) | 43 | -1 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 6.6 |
| 41 | 22½ | Carr'ton Viy | 38 | .. | 3.0 | 7.9 | 10.3 |
| 110 | 63¼ | Carroll P. J. | 105 | .. | 9.2 | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| 45 | 28 | Casket S Hldgs | 42 | .. | 3.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 |
| 25 | 7 | Causton Sir J. | 17 | .. | .. | .. | 4.2 |
| 165 | 86 | Cawoods | 128 | +2 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 9.4 |
| 36½ | 12 | Celestion | 33 | .. | 0.9 | 2.7 | 9.4 |
| 128 | 84½ | Cement Rdstone | 122 | .. | 6.9 | 5.6 | 15.4 |
| 54 | 25 | Cen'& Sheer | 44 | .. | 3.4 | 7.7 | 7.9 |
| 72 | 42 | Central Man | 69 | .. | 4.0 | 5.9 | 3.7 |
| 198 | 88½ | Centreway Ltd | 198 | +2 | 17.5 | 8.8 | 5.6 |
| 42 | 34 | Ch'mbn & Hill | 36 | .. | 3.9 | 10.7 | 2.8 |
| 58½ | 27½ | Chamberl'n Grp | 50 | .. | 4.2 | 8.4 | 7.1 |
| 33 | 8½ | Change Wares | 21 | .. | .. | .. | 16.8 |
| 29½ | 17 | Do Cnv Cum | 21 | .. | 2.4 | 11.6 | .. |
| 129 | 91 | Chloride Grp | 96 | .. | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.8 |
| 78 | 57 | Christies Int | 71 | -1 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 7.4 |
| 138 | 93 | Chubb & Sons | 119 | -1 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 8.8 |
| 196 | 97 | Church & Co | 193 | .. | 4.7 | 2.5 | 9.5 |
| 78 | 45 | Coalite & Chem | 67 | .. | 4.2 | 6.3 | 5.6 |
| 79 | 50 | Coates Bros | 69 | .. | 3.3 | 4.8 | 6.9 |
| 77 | 45 | Do A | 67 | .. | 3.3 | 4.9 | 7.7 |
| 63 | 57 | Coats Patons | 69 | .. | 4.7 | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| 130 | 45 | Cole R. H. | 117 | .. | 5.3 | 4.5 | 8.8 |
| 62 | 35 | Collett D'son | 56 | .. | 4.7 | 8.4 | 6.1 |
| 156 | 99 | Collins W. | 132 | -2 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 136 | 99 | Do A | 133 | -1 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 35 | 14 | Comben Grp | 30 | +1 | 2.4b | 8.1 | 7.4 |
| 101 | 30 | Comb Eng Strs | 81 | -1 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 9.8 |
| 119¾ | 89 | Comet Radiov'n | 103 | .. | 3.9 | 3.8 | 9.3 |
| 114 | 64 | CompAir | 97 | -1 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 7.7 |
| 38 | 20 | Compton Webb | 27 | -1 | 2.6 | 9.5 | 4.5 |
| 38 | 16 | Cook W. | 27 | .. | 2.6 | 9.6 | 6.0 |
| 65 | 37 | Cope Allman | 54 | .. | 4.8 | 8.8 | 5.5 |
| 17 | 9 | Copson F. | 16 | .. | 1.1 | 7.1 | 8.1 |
| 39 | 16½ | Corah | 34 | .. | 1.7a | 5.0 | 7.4 |
| 144 | 34½ | Coral Leisure | 116 | .. | 2.1 | 1.8 | 10.5 |
| 83 | 34 | Cosalt | 70 | .. | 4.7 | 6.7 | 6.3 |
| 333 | 134 | Costain R. | 238 | -1 | 18.2b | 5.9 | 9.0 |
| 41 | 8 | Countryside | 34 | • .. | 1.8 | 5.3 | 11.8 |
| 107 | 73 | Courts (Furn) | 92 | .. | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| 107 | 73 | Do A NV | 92 | .. | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| 135 | 90 | Courtaulds | 120 | .. | 10.7 | 8.9 | 6.0 |
| 73 | 39 | Courtney Pope | 62 | .. | 3.3 | 5.3 | 8.8 |
| 78 | 30¼ | C'wan de Groot | 63 | • .. | 3.5 | 5.5 | 3.8 |
| 44½ | 23 | Cowie T. | 36 | • .. | 2.6 | 7.2 | 3.4 |
| 100 | 24 | Crane Fruehauf | 89 | h .. | 3.6a | 3.7 | 10.7 |

## OIL

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 44 | Ampol Pet | 61 | .. | 3.4 | 5.6 | 14.9 |
| 128 | 47 | Attock | 112 | f .. | 6.5 | 5.8 | 25.7 |
| 186 | 128 | Brit Borneo | 182 | .. | 9.3 | 5.1 | 67.9 |
| 980 | 780 | BP | 780 | .. | 33.5 | 4.3 | 27.8 |
| 83 | 41 | Burmah Oil | 53 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 66½ | 44½ | Century Oils | 50½ | .. | 3.7 | 7.3 | 3.8 |
| 34½ | 18½ | Charterhall | 28½ | .. | .. | .. | 65.4 |
| 18¾ | 12¾ | C F Petroles | £13¾ | +¼ | 156 | 11.8 | 3.2 |
| 44 | 24 | KCA Int | 30 | -1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | .. |
| 195 | 162 | Lasmo | 173 | +3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 415 | 285 | Do Ops | 360 | +10 | .. | .. | .. |
| 109½ | 84½ | Do 14% Ln | £99½ | -1 | 1400 | 14.1 | .. |
| 322 | 77 | Oil Exploration | 222 | +4 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 36.3 |
| 22½ | 8 | Premier Cons | 16½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 238¾ | 14¾ | Ranger Oil | £18¾ | +¼ | .. | .. | .. |
| 3¼ | 1½ | Reynolds Div | 1½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 50¾ | 35½ | Royal Dutch | £38 | -¼ | 147 | 3.9 | 6.7 |
| 632 | 458 | Shell Trans | 500 | +7 | 23.8 | 4.8 | 6.1 |
| 202 | 104 | Tricentrol | 147 | +2 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 21.6 |
| 286 | 124 | Ultramar | 227 | +3 | .. | .. | 10.7 |
| 156 | 94 | Do 7% Cnv | 130 | .. | 10.6 | 8.2 | |

## PROPERTY

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60½ | 29¼ | Allied Ldn | 48 | .. | 2.8 | 5.8 | 10.8 |
| 230 | 127 | Allnatt Ldn | 212 | -3 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 26.8 |
| 242 | 114 | Apex Props | 228 | .. | 5.3 | 2.3 | 38.9 |
| 18½ | 11 | Aquis Secs | 16 | .. | 0.9 | 5.8 | 19.8 |
| 101 | 46½ | Beaumont Prop | 86 | .. | 5.8 | 6.8 | 16.3 |
| 57 | 29½ | Bellway Hldgs | 48 | -2 | 4.0 | 8.4 | .. |
| 137 | 59 | Berkeley Hmbro | 95 | -2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | .. |
| 186 | 130 | Bilton Percy | 170 | .. | 9.4 | 5.5 | 21.3 |
| 183 | 116 | Do Accum | 170 | .. | 0.3 | 0.2 | .. |
| 234 | 118 | Bradford Prop | 223 | -1 | 9.9 | 4.4 | 9.4 |
| 47½ | 22 | British Land | 34 | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 116 | 59¼ | Brixton Estate | 103 | -1 | 2.9b | 2.8 | 32.6 |
| 52 | 10 | Cap & Counties | 47½ | -½ | 1.5b | 3.2 | .. |
| 328 | 141 | Chesterfield | 290 | -3 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 42.3 |
| 14½ | 6½ | Chown Secs | 10½ | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 270 | 145 | Churchbury Est | 255 | .. | 6.6 | 2.0 | 38.0 |
| 64 | 37½ | City Offices | 56 | .. | 2.5 | 4.4 | 24.5 |
| 172 | 114 | Corn Exchange | 162 | .. | 3.0 | 1.9 | 25.1 |
| 27½ | 17 | Country & New T | 24½ | .. | 1.0 | 4.0 | .. |
| 91 | 35 | County & Dist | 81 | .. | 1.2 | 1.5 | 28.9 |
| 69 | 32½ | Daejan Hldgs | 66½ | .. | 4.5 | 6.7 | .. |
| 51½ | 34 | Eng Prop | 39½ | -½ | 3.5 | 9.0 | 13.5 |
| 20½ | 11 | Estates & Gen | 19 | .. | 1.2 | 6.4 | 17.6 |
| 87 | 35 | Estates Prop | 84 | -2 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 33.1 |
| 100 | 32 | Evans of Leeds | 80 | .. | 2.0 | 2.5 | 29.0 |
| 330 | 200 | Gt Portland | 308 | -2 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 56.1 |
| 87 | 53 | Guildhall | 78 | .. | 3.7 | 4.7 | 18.0 |
| 595 | 310 | Hammerson 'A' | 570 | .. | 7.7 | 1.3 | 97.1 |
| 260 | 152 | Haslemere Ests | 231 | -3 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 37.1 |
| 231 | 143 | Land Secs | 217 | +1 | 7.3 | 3.4 | 63.9 |
| 56 | 33½ | Law Land | 45 | -1 | 1.5b | 3.4 | 78.9 |
| 93 | 46½ | Ldn & Prov Sh | 80 | .. | 1.1 | 1.4 | 41.7 |
| 74 | 40 | Ldn Shop | 61 | -1 | 4.5 | 7.4 | 45.5 |
| 132 | 69 | Lynton Hldgs | 124 | -2 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 21.5 |
| 134 | 46 | MEPC | 119 | -3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 37.2 |
| 22 | 8½ | Marler Estates | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 38 | 15 | Midhurst Whites | 33¼ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 122 | 46 | Mucklow A & J. | 115 | +2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 26.2 |
| 165 | 108 | Municipal | 165 | .. | 7.0 | 4.3 | 9.3 |
| 53 | 28 | Peachey Prop | 71 | -1½ | 1.5 | 2.1 | .. |
| 315 | 180 | Prop & Rever | 300 | .. | 7.1 | 2.4 | 42.8 |
| 315 | 178 | Do A | 300 | .. | 7.1 | 2.4 | 42.8 |
| 347 | 216 | Prop Hldgs | 315 | -3 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 45.1 |
| 156 | 44 | Prop Sec | 133 | • -3 | 3.1 | 2.4 | .. |
| 5¾ | 2 | Raglan Prop | 5¼ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 85 | 31 | Regional | 80 | .. | 1.0 | 1.3 | .. |
| 77 | 30 | Do A | 64 | +½ | 1.0 | 1.6 | .. |
| 115 | 29 | Rush & Tompkins | 105 | -1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 17.6 |
| 116 | 69¼ | Scot Met Props | 101 | -1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 41.4 |
| 129 | 77 | Slough Ests | 116 | .. | 3.4 | 3.0 | 37.5 |
| 268 | 158 | Stock Conv | 240 | -4 | 3.0a | 1.3 | 39.2 |
| 228 | 90 | Sunley B. | 200 | .. | 6.1 | 3.0 | .. |
| 17 | 5 | Town & City | 14½ | .. | 0.0 | 0.1 | .. |
| 97 | 41 | Trafford Park | 85 | .. | 5.5 | 6.5 | 16.8 |
| 24 | 16½ | UK Props | 20½ | .. | .. | .. | 15.6 |
| 20 | 7¾ | Webb J. | 18 | .. | 0.7 | 4.1 | 17.1 |
| 19 | 10½ | W'mster & C'ty | 16½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## RUBBER

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 34 | Anglo-Indonesia | 91½ | .. | 3.9 | 4.2 | .. |
| 37½ | 16 | Bradwall FMS | 37½ | .. | 1.9 | 5.1 | .. |
| 197 | 82 | Castlefield | 183 | .. | 5.0 | 2.7 | .. |
| 58 | 25 | Chersonese | 54 | .. | 3.0 | 5.6 | .. |
| 106 | 74½ | Cons Plant | 103 | .. | 12.0 | 11.7 | .. |
| 56 | 13 | Doranakande | 58 | .. | 2.2a | 3.9 | .. |
| 57 | 27½ | Gadek Malaysia | 50½ | -1 | 1.0 | 1.9 | .. |
| 12 | 5½ | Grand Central | 12 | .. | 0.8 | 6.9 | .. |
| 250 | 186 | Guthrie Corp | 215 | -3 | 18.2 | 8.5 | .. |
| 76½ | 48 | Harrisons Malay | 73 | -1 | 4.6 | 6.3 | .. |
| 66 | 36½ | Highlds & Low | 65½ | .. | 4.7 | 7.1 | .. |
| 145 | 67 | Hongkong | 145 | .. | 8.4 | 5.8 | .. |
| 210 | 125 | Killinghall | 210 | .. | 17.5 | 8.3 | .. |
| 34½ | 22 | Kulim Malaysia | 33½ | .. | 2.1 | 6.2 | .. |
| 128 | 44 | Ldn Sumatra | 113 | h .. | 3.1 | 2.7 | .. |
| 56 | 22½ | Majedie | 54 | .. | 1.0 | 1.9 | .. |
| 33½ | 16½ | Malayalam | 30½ | h .. | 1.7 | 5.7 | .. |
| 33 | 12½ | Muar River | 32½ | .. | 0.7 | 2.0 | .. |
| 66½ | 34 | Plant Hldgs | 61½ | .. | 3.3 | 5.4 | .. |
| 23½ | 10½ | Sungei Krian | £23¼ | .. | 76.9 | 3.3 | .. |

## TEA

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 390 | 147 | Assam Frontier | 285 | -5 | 24.6 | 8.6 | .. |
| 116 | 53 | Assam Inv | 114 | .. | 10.6 | 9.3 | .. |
| 240 | 95 | Camellia Inv | 220 | +10 | 2.8 | 1.3 | .. |
| 143 | 22 | Doondi | 143 | h +1 | 4.9 | 3.4 | .. |
| 250 | 123 | Jokai | 235 | -5 | 18.5b | 7.9 | .. |
| 245 | 130 | McLeod Russel | 225 | -2 | 15.2 | 6.7 | .. |
| 410 | 124 | Moran | 390 | .. | 5.4 | 1.4 | .. |
| 95 | 15 | Surmah Valley | 95 | .. | 10.0 | 10.5 | .. |
| 202 | 102 | Warren Plant | 187 | .. | 20.0b | 10.7 | .. |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10¾ | 7¹¹⁄₁₆ | Algoma Cen Rly | £9⁷⁄₁₆ | +⅛ | 38.0 | 3.7 | 15.3 |
| 71 | 40 | Calcutta Elec. | 70 | +1 | 13.0 | 18.6 | .. |
| 52½ | 42 | E Surr Wtr 4.9% | £50½ | .. | 490 | 9.3 | .. |
| 38¾ | 31½ | Essex Wtr 3.5% | 38½ | .. | 530 | 13.8 | .. |
| 64 | 47 | Gt Nthn Tele | £51 | .. | 193 | 3.8 | 11.4 |
| 480 | 342 | Imp Cont Gas | 350 | .. | 14.2 | 4.1 | 14.3 |
| 38 | 32 | Mid Kent Wtr | £38 | .. | 500 | 13.2 | .. |
| 82 | 46 | Milford Docks | 80 | +2 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 8.7 |
| 278 | 140 | Nigerian Elec | 266 | -2 | 17.2 | 6.5 | .. |
| 38½ | 31½ | Sunderlnd Wtr | £38½ | .. | 538 | 14.0 | .. |

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

## SHIPPING

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 321 | 215 | Brit & Comm | 272 | .. | 13.0 | 4.8 | 9.3 |
| 193 | 54 | Fisher J. | 117 | .. | 2.2 | 1.9 | 11.5 |
| 335 | 207 | Furness Withy | 214 | -1 | 11.9 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| 305 | 140 | Hunting Gibson | 198 | .. | 16.4 | 8.3 | 3.7 |
| 40½ | 24½ | Jacobs J. I. | 39½ | .. | 2.8 | 7.2 | 11.6 |
| 57¾ | 33½ | Ldn & O'seas Fr | 38 | .. | 3.1 | 14.2 | .. |
| 270 | 215 | Manch Liners | 265 | .. | 7.6 | 3.0 | 30.3 |
| 179 | 123½ | Ocean Trans | 128 | +1 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 3.4 |
| 172 | 104 | P & O 'Dfd' | 107 | -1 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 7.4 |
| 128 | 100 | Runciman W | 108 | .. | 12.6 | 11.8 | 7.7 |

## MINES

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 520 | 370 | Anglo Am Coal | 440 | -10 | 27.0 | 6.1 | .. |
| 322 | 195 | Anglo Am Corp | 280 | -6 | 20.9g | 8.0 | .. |
| 17½ | 11¾ | Ang Am Gold | £15¹⁵⁄₁₆ | -¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 87.2 | 6.5 | .. |
| 33½ | 18 | Anglo Am Inv | £30 | -¼ | 303 | 10.1 | .. |
| 8½ | 6½ | Anglo Transvl | £6¾ | -¼ | 66.1 | 9.8 | .. |
| 9¼ | 6¼ | Do A | £6⅝ | -¼ | 66.1 | 9.8 | .. |
| 11¼ | 8¼ | Asarco | £10 | -¼ | 20.5 | 2.1 | .. |
| 397 | 236 | Ayer Hitam | 260 | .. | 97.1 | 37.3 | .. |
| 58 | 26 | Beralt Tin | 50 | +1 | 6.2 | 12.3 | .. |
| 417 | 249 | Blyvoors | 284 | -11 | 33.5 | 11.4 | .. |
| 46 | 15½ | Botswana RST | 19½ | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
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| 362 | 182 | Durban Rood | 338 | -19 | .. | .. | .. |

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| | Index No. Latest | Div. Yield % | Earnings Yield % | Index No. Previous |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Times Industrial Share Index | 196.76 | 6.63 | 12.37 | 195.62 |
| Largest Coys. | 196.53 | 6.44 | 11.77 | 197.29 |
| Smaller Coys. | 190.10 | 7.21 | 14.31 | 190.29 |
| Capital Goods | 229.95 | 6.77 | 14.13 | 229.51 |
| Consumer Goods | 211.45 | 6.96 | 11.92 | 217.44 |
| Store Shares | 169.87 | 6.24 | 7.93 | 167.96 |
| Largest financial shares | 218.01 | 5.85 | — | 210.16 |
| Largest financial and industrial shares | 201.01 | 6.33 | — | 200.86 |
| Commodity shares | 199.44 | 6.01 | 12.42 | 200.70 |
| Gold Mining shares | 272.59 | 9.26 | 18.47 | 282.15 |
| Industrial debenture stocks | 94.08 | 6.29* | — | 94.27 |
| Industrial preference stocks | 63.09 | 11.10* | — | 63.32 |
| 3½% War Loan | 35¼ | 9.98* | — | 35¼ |

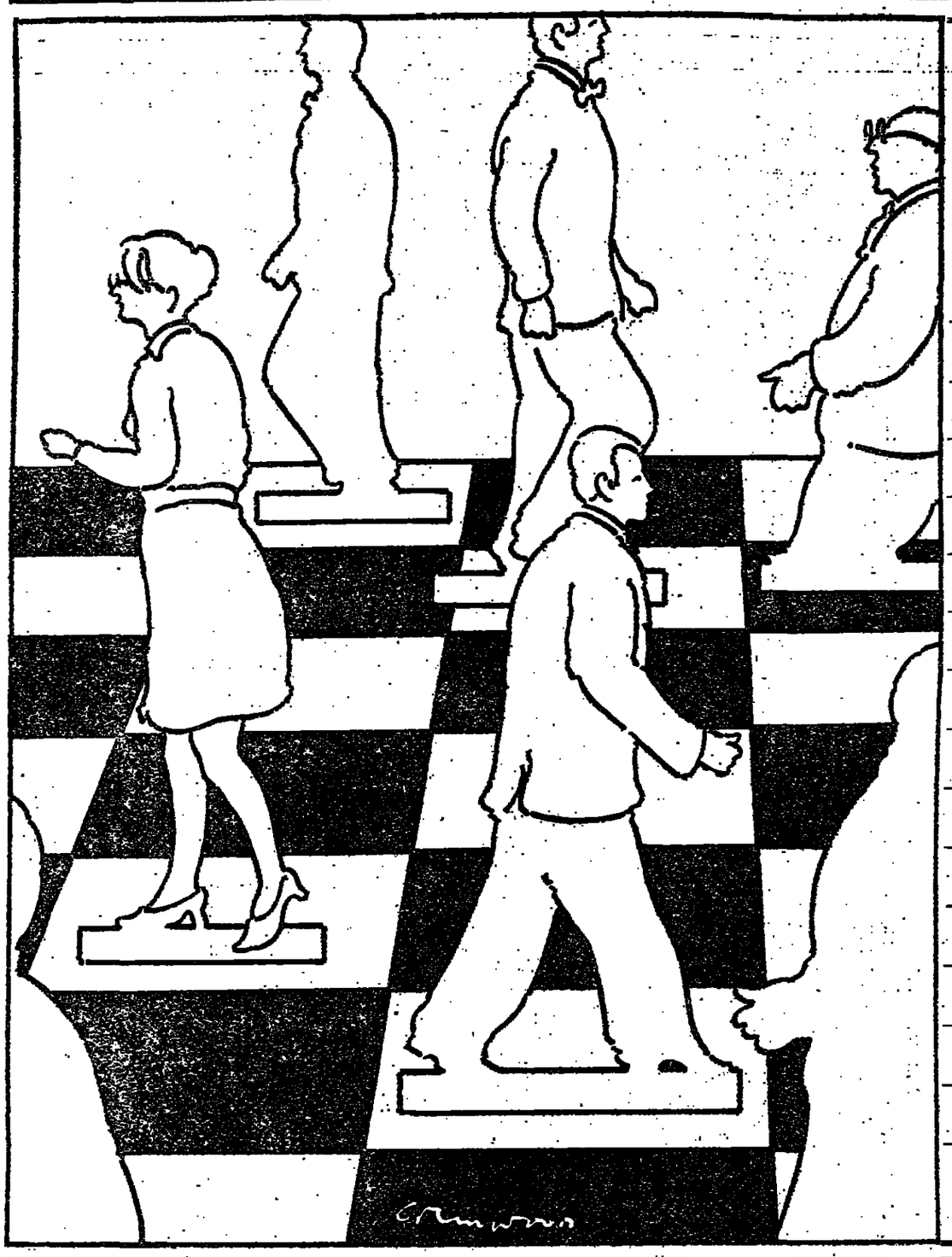
A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

| | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| All-time | 222.98 (14.09.77) | 60.18 (13.12.74) |
| 1978 | 208.15 (06.01.78) | 182.51 (08.02.78) |
| 1977 | 222.98 (14.09.77) | 151.29 (13.01.77) |
| 1976 | 171.85 (05.05.76) | 115.83 (27.10.76) |
| 1975 | 158.92 (19.11.75) | 61.42 (06.01.75) |
| 1974 | 136.18 (25.02.74) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1973 | 189.33 (12.01.73) | 120.86 (14.12.73) |

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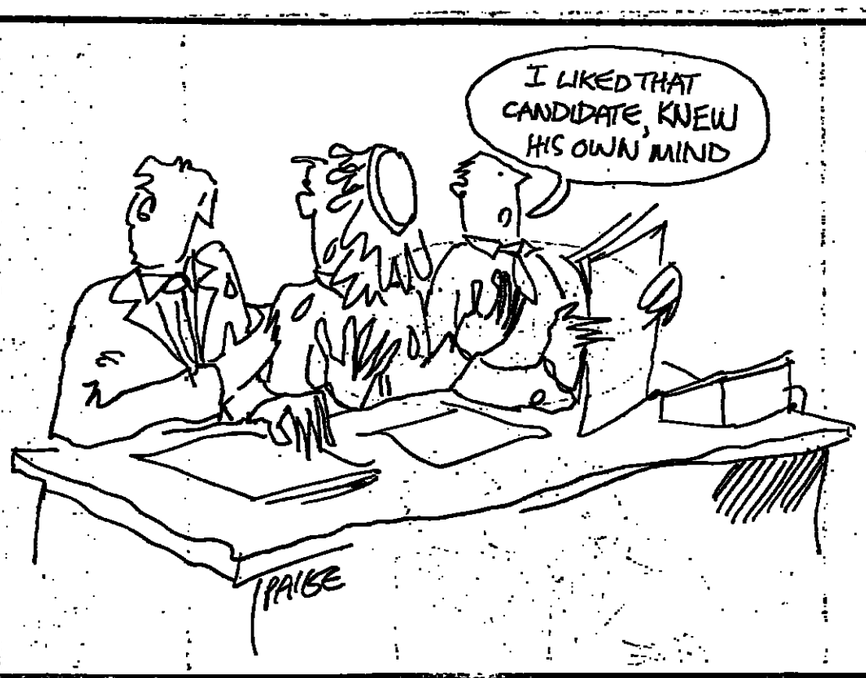
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## The prospects for graduates are looking better now







ng armed with the able information organizations con- placing Britain's in jobs have had that making an prediction of employment pro- difficult and ation. less, the organiza- Association of Careers Advisory AGCAS), the Cen- s Unit for Careers nments Services d the Standing of Employers of (SCOEG) — were y accurate in their last year. ve again pooled ledge and made a assessment of pply and demand nt year. ngs are generally with more oming on to the t, hopefully to ith the expected he economy, and that opportuni- merce and indus- ntinue to expand in the public put of graduates to be about 4 per than in 1977, a ease in line with irs. First-degree from universities will total about 57,000 and about 12,500 from polytechnics. At higher-degree level the total is expected to be in the region of 18,500. It is also likely that a further 1,000 graduates will emerge from other institutions, but precise details of the numbers involved and the subjects involved are not compiled.

Scoeg reports that more than a sixth of the first-degree graduates will be in engineering and applied sciences with the rest being evenly divided among pure sciences, arts and social studies. The decline in total numbers of graduates in science and engineering appears to have halted in 1977 and a slight increase is expected this year in some disciplines, notably chemistry and the major branches of engineering—chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical.

The subject group which shows the largest increase is social studies, although this title may give a misleading impression. The subjects which show growth are in the main the commercially oriented ones, accountancy, business studies, economics and law. Law has now the biggest single subject output.

The three organizations also point out that all of these graduates will not, of course, immediately come on to the jobs market. Of the overseas students involved half return home after taking their first degree and most of the remainder do so after completing some further studies or training. A number of United Kingdom first-degree students also go on to further study and training.

This combination of slightly increased graduate output and opportunities for further study and training leads the conference to conclude that the number of graduates likely to be seeking immediate permanent employment in the United Kingdom this summer could amount to 38,000 first-degree and 7,000 higher-degree graduates, an increase of 10 per cent over 1977.

Total demand for graduates on the available information would seem to be about 20 per cent up on last year. A modest improvement in demand from the public sector's low of 1977, although still less than the level of 1976, is expected to be accompanied by a continued increase in demand from the private sector, particularly manufacturing industry. This is a continuation of the significant change which was seen last year and is now being reflected in the attitude of students, more of whom now look to industry as a career.

The sharp drop in demand from the Civil Service, local and regional authorities which was forecast last year did not obtain through 1977. Civil Service recruitment picked up during the year, partly reflecting the need for more staff to deal with the social consequences of increased unemployment. There are also signs that local authorities are increasing recruitment of specialists for those departments dealing with financial control and the needs of industry.

Demand from manufacturing industry remains buoyant, showing for the second year running an annual increase of about 30 per cent and recruitment by the public utilities has also increased sharply. The requirements of commercial employers show an overall increase of about 10 to 15 per cent with a somewhat mixed pattern. The levelling off in demand for accountants which was anticipated did not happen and a further increase of perhaps 15 per cent in 1978 is expected. A more modest increase is expected in banking and insurance.

Demand from other commercial employers (retailing building societies, computer consultants) is growing, partly due to the activities of AGCAS is stimulating new employers to begin recruiting graduates. Competition for articles with solicitors must increase in view of the relatively static demand and the increase in the number of law graduates.

The conference also predicts that starting salaries for graduates are expected to be about 10 per cent up on 1977. This year they have been able to collect enough data to single out manufacturing industry. These show that this sector is now offering salaries marginally above the average for all other employers.

The implication of this is that the overall picture is one of a healthier demand for graduates in 1978, but not all graduates are affected uniformly. The shortage of engineers will continue and some employers are now seeking pure science graduates as a substitute. Employers may well have to widen the range of disciplines they recruit from.

Despite the upsurge in the number of jobs likely to be available the conference suggests that many graduates will need to look at second and third choices and to exercise initiative in good time. It adds that this is not a year for complacency. It is a time for seeking out opportunities in the less obvious sectors. There still exists a wide range of types of job with various types of employer, for graduates in many disciplines, where demand is still unsatisfied. They include: computer programming, production management, the armed services, industrial accounting, police and fire services, marketing, purchasing and selling.

Different factors affect job prospects for school leavers. The number who will come on to the market is difficult to ascertain, many school students do not decide to leave until nearer the summer and many who were planning to, encouraged by good examination results, opt to stay on. Geographic considerations also come into play and, sadly, the areas which suffer from a high level of youth unemployment are those where it can be expected there will be larger numbers of school leavers this year.

In the light of these factors the attitudes of employers to school leavers demands careful consideration. The findings of the Office of Manpower Service Commission in this area are disquieting.

It was found that employers did not have a high regard for the existing government measures to aid young people, claiming that they were too numerous, badly publicized and changing too frequently. It was also found that many employers, given a choice of recruits, preferred others to young people, especially if they can upgrade existing staff or recruit experienced staff or housewives.

Any complacent thoughts that these attitudes are really a part of the general employment picture have also been dispelled by the OMSC findings. They have discovered that among employers who would be forced to recruit if there were a 10-15 per cent upturn in business, more than three quarters of them say that they would prefer to recruit older workers rather than school leavers. This, the OMSC suggests, indicates that some young people in the coming year will find extreme difficulty in finding jobs even if there is a substantial upturn in the economy.

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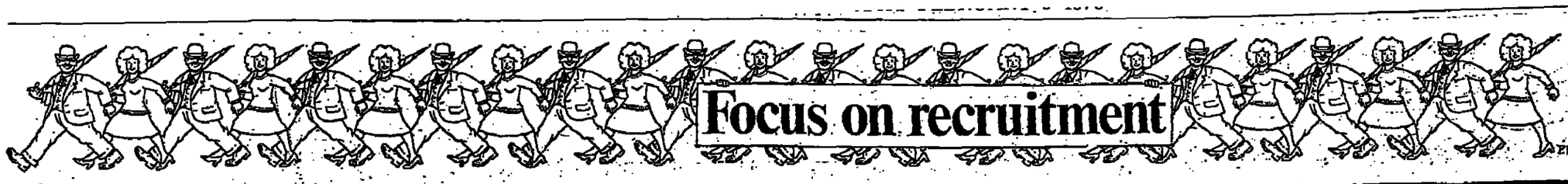
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# Will 1978 really be the year of the manager?

Despite the recent assertion by Sir Derek Ezra, in his role as head of the British Institute of Management, that 1978 would be the "year of the manager" few signs have emerged to indicate that the downward trends in management recruitment seen late last year have reversed.

There has been the annual start-of-year recruitment by many companies, but the most accurate and reliable indicators of job trends in the management field, the regular surveys and indices published by the professional management consultancies, would seem to indicate that a fundamental change in the pattern of executive recruitment is emerging.

Figures collated by MSL International would indicate a long term shrinkage in recruitment with the likelihood that the peak levels of 1969 and 1973 will not be reached in the foreseeable future and that the four to five year cycle in recruitment in the management field has been disrupted after running for the past 20 years.

MSL's chairman Mr Harry Roff said: "It may be that we shall have to settle for lower levels of executive recruitment in the long-term. What the new cylindrical pattern, if any, is likely to be is unclear. Figures now suggest much more than a prolonged hiccup in the previous regular pattern."

The most up-to-date figures collated by MSL and published at the end of January suggest that the awaited boom in executive recruitment may have reached its peak and then moved into decline without being really noticed.

A particularly gloomy aspect of the MSL figures is that there has been little or no sign of increase in demand for sales and research and development management personnel. These are traditionally the first groups to reflect any upward trend in recruitment activity.

Commenting on these figures and the index that MSL produce from them Mr Roff said: "If we can trust the four-year cycle which has characterized the index for more than 15 years, and bearing in mind that two years have already elapsed from the low point of December, 1975, it could well be that we are now approaching the peak of a barely perceptible mini-boom in UK executive recruitment and that the up-phase of the cycle is now almost complete with only bad news to follow.

"However, looking back to the depressed period of 1971 when the index dropped to 78 and then doubled dramatically in two years, the past two years by comparison have shown a sluggish climb and might therefore continue into 1978, although this would demand a different cyclical pattern from the last two booms and depressions."

The MSL index, which is based on a continuous monitoring and analysis of recruitment advertising in publications which include *The Times*, shows that in the last quarter of 1977 advertising was down two per cent compared with the previous quarter. A breakdown of the figures shows that advertisement for general management vacancies was up by eight per cent of the previous quarter, but the only other category to show slight gains were production and sales. Advertisements for jobs in computer and personnel management were down 15 per cent, in accountancy management seven per cent, and in research and development management six per cent.

While Mr Roff's views of the recruitment prospects for senior management in 1978 may be considered by some to be unduly pessimistic, they are, in general terms, shared by most other consultants operating in Britain and the EEC.

The Eurosurvey Group, which "head-hunts" from its offices in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Wiesbaden, says that the macro-economic, social and political uncertainties make forecasting the market place for executives in 1978 extremely problematical.

As far as Britain is concerned Eurosurvey considers that everything depends on the economy and the social contract in what might be the start of a dramatic new era fuelled by oil revenue. On the one hand the British economy might boom but on the other it might well fail to take off if the government failed to manage the social environment. In the meantime Eurosurvey expects a steady increase in the demand for managers.

Eurosurvey base this slight optimism on a recent increase in demand for general management. They believe the period of relative stagnation in the British economy has caused companies to become more introspective and look more closely at their internal organization, and their strengths and weaknesses. This has resulted in companies seeking general managers who can carry out tough, cost-cutting programmes.

For similar reasons it is expected that demand for executives in general management with an engineering or production background rather than a sales and marketing background will show slight improvements while new legislation will undoubtedly result in increased demand for senior management in the sensitive area of industrial relations.

There is also likely to be a noticeable increase in the demand for marketing people in industrial goods companies, but no indication that there will be any increased demand for management in the retail and consumer goods fields. Industrial companies are expected still to find that they need to become increasingly marketing orientated and will recruit people with recognized professional marketing skills rather than relying on internal transfers of people with proven management talent in the technical fields.

These factors and the less than enthusiastic views of the professional recruitment consultants of the prospects for the coming years will undoubtedly do little to restore the morale of some sectors of management.

Eurosurvey considers that the senior executive of today is rather pessimistic about the economic, social and political future. He tends to feel depressed by a relative decrease in social appreciation and remuneration. Politicians, unions and society in general disregards his interests.

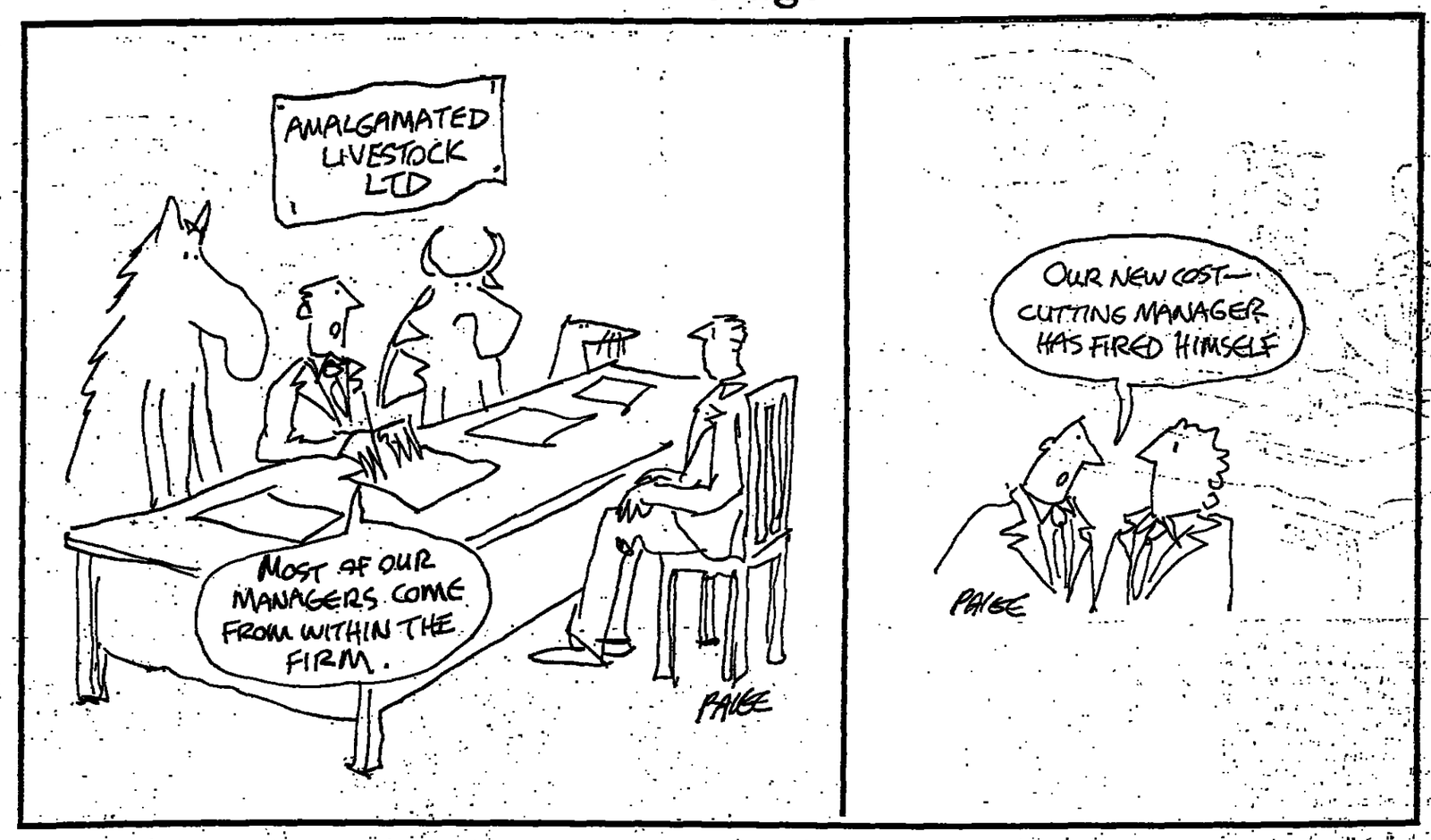
The company admit that this is a dramatized and generalized picture of the manager of today, but it does point out that today's management could be losing some of its efficiency having to argue too much and by necessarily being too busy with self protection.

However, those who seem to escape this gloomy prospect of the year ahead in management recruitment seeking a job abroad may find themselves little better off. Political uncertainty in Belgium and France has resulted in a standstill in recruitment which shows every sign of continuing throughout 1978; indeed French and Belgian management talent has actively been seeking jobs in the United States, Africa and the Middle East in recent weeks. The general lack of investment in the Netherlands is causing stagnation in management recruitment there, although Dutch construction companies are recruiting managers for overseas projects. Recruitment activity in Germany is still strong, but there is little prospect of British executive talent finding a suitable vacancy with most jobs within Germany being offered by non-German-owned companies seeking local executive talent.

However, there is evidence already emerging this year to show that interest in jobs abroad is less than generally supposed. The senior executive is normally socially well settled and is not very eager to move to the areas where European industry is now investing. This coming year it is expected to be particularly difficult to find executives willing to move to the Middle East. In spite of the financial benefits, the tough living conditions and the problems of finding a job on return are expected to have an increasingly discouraging effect this coming year.

If there is to be any comfort to be drawn by those who plan to join the recruitment market for management this year from the projections made by the professional management consultants it is contained in the admission by one of them that they could well all be wrong. Eurosurvey rightly point out that projecting the future has become increasingly a difficult exercise requiring courage, good nerves and mutual confidence.

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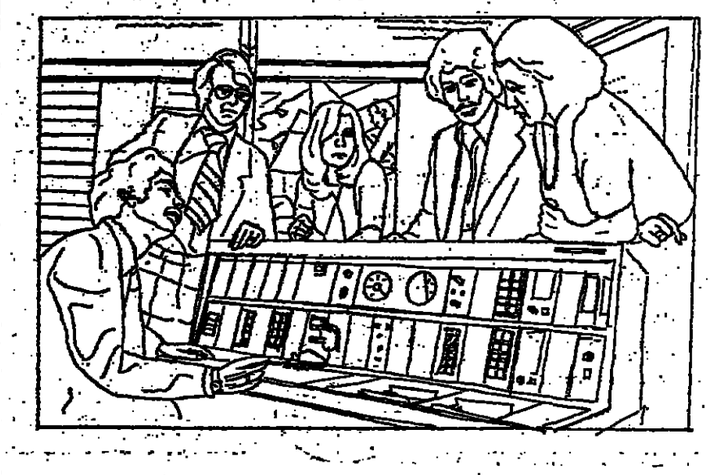
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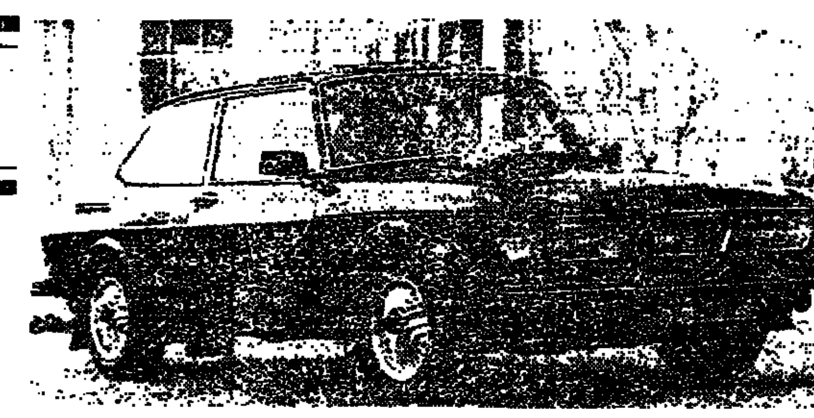
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The Saab Turbo is based on the three-door 99 model. Peak output of the fuel-injected two-litre engine has gone up from 118 bhp to 145 bhp, acceleration to 60mph takes about nine seconds and the top speed is 120mph. Perhaps more important is a 45 per cent increase in torque, which means more power for overtaking

Saab can justifiably claim that the performance of the car puts it up with the quickest six-cylinder cars. The extra power comes in at about 2,000 rpm, or the equivalent of 40mph in top gear. So if the Turbo is not first away from the traffic lights, it does offer spectacular acceleration a little higher up the range and few cars will beat it from 50mph to 70mph (and beyond, where speed limits allow).

A dashboard gauge tells the driver when the turbocharger is being activated, which in average driving is for surprisingly brief periods. Once the power boost has been supplied, the engine reverts to normal working. Saab estimates, in fact, that the turbocharger is in operation only 12 to 15 per cent of the time

This infrequent use is the reason fuel consumption is little affected. If the car was driven exceptionally hard over long periods, the extra fuel needed by the turbo could raise consumption quite substantially; but in normal driving the difference is marginal. Certainly my returns of 22 to 30 mpg were similar to those I have obtained on other Saabs.

The turbo cuts in smoothly, there is a slight whistle and the car simply surges away. But overall the engine is not as quiet as a six-cylinder and the car suffers from both wind and road noise.

The Turbo looks suitably aggressive, with a black bodyshell, large spoilers front and rear and special alloy wheels. These may be not more than surface embellishments of what is now a pretty old shape, but they were enough to turn a few heads.

I have not thought of the Saab as a particularly nimble car, and at low speeds the Turbo, like other 99 models, suffers from heavy and low-geared steering. But once on the move, it becomes more responsive and through fast cornering sets up tyre squeal the roadholding is very good. There is a pleasant gearbox and effective brakes.

The car is comfortable as far as the well-shaped seats go, but the ride can be hard and bumpy. Thanks mainly to the front-wheel drive layout, generous passenger space and a large boot are provided within a modest overall length of 14 feet and 3 inches and the rear seat can be folded down to give a load platform six feet long.

The rear head restraints are a bad idea, blocking the view out of the back window, but otherwise I can only applaud Saab's safety features, which include an almost tank-like bodyshell, large bumpers, headlamp wipers and laminated windscreen. The Turbo also has as standard equipment a stereo radio/cassette player, driving lamps and high intensity rear fog lamps.

All the same, at £7,850 the car is nearly £2,000 more than the next most expensive three-door 99 and the customer is paying, in effect, for a facility that will not be used for 85 per cent of the time. But turbo driving is an experience to be relished and Saab is confident that it will have more orders than it can meet.

## Counting the damage

There may be lies, damned lies and statistics, but sometimes the figures tell the story more vividly than words. Checking through the files the other day I came across the tables of new car registrations in Britain for the year 1971, and in the light of what has happened since they make interesting, if depressing, reading.

It was a year when British Leyland commanded just over 40 per cent of the market, the importers 19 per cent and Datsun and Toyota less than 1 per cent between them. Compare that with 1977, when Leyland was down to 24.33 per cent, imported cars took more than 45 per cent of sales, and Datsun's share alone was 6.21 per cent.

The market leader last year was Ford, with 25.7 per cent, but since cars imported from West Germany, Spain, Belgium and the Irish Republic accounted for more than a quarter of its sales, its performance with British-built cars was little better than the 18.74 per cent achieved in 1971.

*Indeed, apart from the sheer size* of the import share nowadays, the striking thing is the number of cars being imported by British manufacturers. Ford no longer makes the Capri and Granada models in Britain, *but apart from bringing these in from* Germany, it has been selling German and Irish Escorts, Spanish Fiestas and Irish and Belgian Cortinas.

Almost a third of Vauxhall's cars came from abroad, all Cavaliers *assembled in Belgium, though this* model is now being made here. Chrysler imported Simcas from France, the 180 two-litre from Spain and the Hunter from Ireland. Even Leyland brought in 2,500 Allegros *from its Seneffe plant in Belgium.*

All that must be bewildering for the British motorist, who has come to assume that a Ford or a Vauxhall, and certainly an Austin, is a British car.

*The most controversial figure of* 1977 was the Japanese market share of 10.6 per cent, compared with 9.4 per cent the previous year and 9.04 per cent in 1975. This after the British motor industry reached an understand*ing with the Japanese that their* penetration in Britain would not be increased. According to the Japanese, however, there was no agreement but merely a forecast of "no conspicuous change".

How conspicuous a change must be is an argument that will rumble on.

**Peter Waymark**

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As BBC 2 approaches the end of its China Week, Newsday takes stock of China's approach to the outside world—with Edward Heath and George Bush.

Julian Pettifer in Outer Mongolia, on the other hand, finds out how it behaves inside its vast colonial empire.

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9.00 One Man and His Dog; Finals.
9.35 Sweet Adelines: Annual Convention at the Albert Hall.
10.20 Men of Ideas, 4: Heidegger and Modern Extentialism.
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11.20-12.05 am Embassy World Professional Darts Championships: Highlights.

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## Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Look Out. 4.45, Run Joe, Run. 5.15, Survival. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Rising Damp. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00 Thames. 10.30, Frankie Vaughan. 11.30, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 12.00-12.30 am, Man and

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10.30 Time for Business.
11.15 Kitchen Garden.
11.45 What the Papers Say.
12.00 Epilogue.
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## ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Beryl's Lot. 3.50, Houseparty. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Rising Damp. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Police Woman, 11.30-12.00, Master Golf.

## Channel

1.18 pm. Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Fantastic Voyage. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film: To Hell and Back. 9.00, Thames. 10.32, Our Dear Channel Islands. 11.15, Film: Isn't It Shocking? 12.30 am, News.

## Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm. Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Elaine. 11.00, Your Men at Westminster. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, What the Papers Say. 12.00, Weather. epilogue.

## Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Code R. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Film: A Fine Madness, with Sean Connery. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20 am, Police Woman.

## Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film: To Hell and Back, with Audie Murphy Susan Kohner. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Westward Report. 11.00, Film: Isn't It Shocking? with Alan Alda, Louise Lasser, Edmond O'Brien. 12.15 am, Faith for Life.

## Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Lassie. 5.45 News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Mr and Mrs. 8.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 12.00, Border News.

# Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.06 am, News.
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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Two by Two. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.03, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Nielsen, Rachmaninov, Lyadov, Glazunov.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Telemann, Bach, Vivaldi, Geminiani.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Paganini.† 10.00, Scottish University Concert: Haydn, Schumann, Cannon, Musgrave†. 10.55, Harpsichord Recital: Couperin, Rameau.† 11.40, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Haydn, Berlioz.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Bradford Midday Concert: Saint-Saëns, Debussy, Poulenc. 2.00, Thérèse, Opera by Massenet: Act 1.† 2.40, Words . . . 2.45, Thérèse: Act 2.† 3.20, Violin and Piano Recital: Brahms, Bartok.† 4.05, Improvisation Workshop.† 4.50, Beethoven Piano Sonatas. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, What Right Have You Got? 7.00, Who Cares about The Commonwealth.
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## BIRTHS

**BARNE.**—On February 7, 1978, to Liza and Christopher—a son.

**BUTCHER.**—On 4th February, to Jenny (nee Dodd) and Philip—a son (John Francis), a brother for Lucy.

**FLETCHER.** — On February 7 to Eileen and Geoffrey—a daughter (Alison Anne).

**HALCRO-JOHNSTON.**—On 5th February, 1978, at Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, to Diana and James—a son (Andrew James).

**HAYAKAWA.**—On 7th February, at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Sandy (nee Kennedy) and Kiyo—a son (Marcus Junies), a brother for Dominic Peter.

**MILLER.**—On Sunday, 5th of February, 1978, to Deborah (nee Halpin) and David—a son (Calum Alexander).

**NORMAN.**—On Feb 6th, to Patrick and Dorne (nee Ubee)—a son (Rolf John George), at Sevenoaks.

**ROBERTS.**—On February 7th, at the Hammersmith Hospital, to Candis and John—a daughter (Anna), a sister for Christa, Iona, Arabella and Andrew.

**SHAW.**—On Feb 7th at 5.40 a.m. to Sally (nee Pogson) and Stephen, their first child—a son.

## BIRTHS

**WILSON.**—On Thursday, 2nd February, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Tinkle and Paul—a daughter (Verity Anne), a sister for Eoin and Lucy.

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## MARRIAGES

**BRAINSBY : ABBOTT.**—On Saturday, 28th January, at St. Anne's Church, Epwell, Oxfordshire, Tony Brainsby and Jane Abbott, both of Knightsbridge, London.

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**O'DONNELL : GAGER.**—On 9th February, 1938, at Westminster Cathedral, London, Dr. Raymond Francis O'Donnell to Kathleen Cicely Gager. Present address: The Old House, 5 The Maples, Banstead, Surrey.

## DEATHS

**ALLEN.**—On 6th February, 1978, in hospital, Agnes (Nancy), Drinagh, Serpentine Rd., Tenby, aged 77. Widow of Lt-Col Harold Allen, DSO and beloved mother of Valerie and the late Osborn. Cremation at Parc Gwyn, Narberth, at 12 noon, Friday, 10th February. No letters, no flowers. Donations in lieu to Friends of Tenby Cottage Hospital, if desired, c/o Mrs Percy Howells, Littleglonwood, Queen's Parade, Tenby.

**ALLISON.**—On February 5th, 1978, suddenly at home, Isabel (Ella). Dearly beloved wife of Lt.-Col. S. H. Allison, The Black Watch, dearest mother and grandmother. Service of thanksgiving at St. James Church, Piccadilly, London, W.1, on 24th February, at 3 p.m.

**ASHWORTH.**—On 1st February, in Lima, Peru, Jack, CBE, beloved husband of Grace and father of Patsy and of the late Marilyn Adamson.

**ASTELL.** — On 6th February, quietly, Barbara Jeane, of Chislehurst, Kent, mother to Rosemary and Nigel. Service at St. John's Church, Sidcup, at 1.40 p.m., Monday, 13th February. No flowers, please. Donations to The Chindits Old Comrades Association.

**BARNHURST.** — On February 6, peacefully at home (3 Highwoods Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea), John Edward, aged 72. Beloved husband of Eve, dear father of Graham and much loved grandfather of Ashley. Cremation at Eastbourne on Monday, February 13, at 10.30 a.m.

**BENSON.**—On February 4th, peacefully at St Thomas's Hospital, David Percival, late of Clonmoil Road, Fulham. Requiem Mass 11.00 a.m. at St. Johns, Walham Green, on Friday, February 17th, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale. Flowers and enquiries to G. Gamble and Son Ltd., 601 Fulham Road, S.W.6. Tel.: 385 7625.

**BRAITHWAITE.**—On February 6th, peacefully, Lady Emily Victoria (Max). Cremation 4 p.m., 10th February, at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to W. S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond St., W.5.

**BRIMS.**—On February 7th, in hospital, Marjorie Fenwick Brims, of 10 Furzefield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, loved wife of Wilson Brims, mother of Ronald and Elizabeth, grandmother of Fiona and Caroline, and only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Fenwick, of Gosforth. Service at All Saints Church, Gosforth, on Friday, February 10th, at 2.20 p.m., followed by cremation, for family only. No letters. Family flowers only.

**BROOKS.**—On February 7th, 1978, tragically as the result of a road accident, Robert John Brooks, of Osborne House, Church Hanborough, Oxon. Dearly loved husband of Ann, devoted father of Katie, Tom, Henrietta and William. Beloved son of John and Mary, brother of Ben. Cremation private. Flowers to Debenhams, Oxford, Friday, 10th February, by 9 a.m. Memorial service to be announced later.

**BROOKS.**—On 22nd January, 1978, Commander "Sam" Brooks, D.S.C., R.N. (Retd.), aged 55, in a tragic sailing accident while crossing the Atlantic. Dearly loved husband of Dapnne, father and grandfather. Memorial Service to be arranged. Beale Farm, Frittenden, Kent.

**CONQUEST.**—On 6th February, 1978, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, London, S.W., peacefully, Lydia Eleanor (Dolly), widow of A. W. P. Conquest, beloved mother of Valerie and grandmother of Judith and Georgina. R.I.P. Funeral at Roehampton Crematorium on Tuesday, 14th February, at 4 p.m.

**CUMINE.**—On 7th February 1978, peacefully at home, Winifred, aged 95 years, widow of Henry Monsel and beloved mother of Eric, Grace, Floadie, Gavin, Barbara, Neil and Douglas, and grandmother of all their families. Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Monday, 13th February at 12.30 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., London, W.8. 01-937 0757.

**EARWAKER.**—On 8th February, peacefully in hospital, Lilian Maud, beloved mother of Lilian and Jack. Funeral service, noon, 16th February, Marylebone Crematorium. Flowers to: LCS, Ashfield Parade, London, N.14.

**GIBBS.**—On February 6th, 1978, Ann, wife of the late William Douglas Gibbs, dear sister of Hilda and Eve, suddenly, at her home, Troy Court, London, W.8. Funeral at St. Barnabas Church, Addison Rd., Kensington, W.14, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, February 15th. Family flowers only to Pyrkes, 36 Park Road, Bromley, Kent.

**GRANVILLE-CLARK, ROY H.**—On 3rd February, at home, 94 years. Jewel Consultant, of Southampton Row, London. Much loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed. A very sad day for his profession, for his knowledge knew no bounds. Cremation at Golders Green, 14th February, 10.50 a.m. No flowers, donations to Nottinghill Housing Trust, please.

## DEATHS

**GRICE.**—On 1st February, 1978, at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Kathleen Anne (Kay), widow of Dr. John William Hawksley Grice.

**LAMPERD.**—On Saturday, February 4th, peacefully, at the Southern Railwaymen's Home for Children, Woking, Cecil Frank Shoot, dearly loved grandfather of Pamela, Beatrice and John. Funeral service at 11 a.m. at St. Pauls Church, Oriental Road, Woking, Surrey, Friday, February 10th. Burial at 12.30 p.m. at Heston and Isleworth Borough Cemetery, Powdermill Lane, Isleworth, Middlesex. Family flowers only. Donations to Southern Railwaymen's Home for Children, Woking, Surrey.

**LAYTON.**—On 6th February, 1978, peacefully in hospital, Turner, aged 85 years, musician and composer. Beloved father of Alelia. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, 13th February, at 2.50 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, by 12 noon. Tel.: 586 4221.

**MacLEAN.**—On Feb 7, 1978, Diana Fulvoye, beloved wife of Ian, much loved mother of Lowry and John, and devoted grandmother of Ian, Christopher and Anna. Funeral private, no flowers please.

**MAUDE.**—On 5th February 1978, suddenly, Miss Florence Maude (otherwise Miss Maude Florence Mozelle Ezekiel) of Fairfax Road, N.W.6, aged 74 years. Cremation at Golders Green (West Chapel) on Tuesday, 14th February at 11 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons, Hampstead. 01-586 4221.

**McINTOSH.** — On 6th February, 1978, at Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital, Halton, Bucks, Air Commodore Iain Alexander McIntosh (R.A.F.), M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.I.H., M.F.C.M., of 5 Woodhurst South, Raymead Road, Maidenhead, Berks, aged 51 years. The dearest husband of Barbara and dear brother of Donald. The funeral service will take place at Trinity Church, R.A.F. Halton, on Saturday, 11th February at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations in lieu may be sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o The Funeral Director, David L. Webb, at Gurneys Funeral Service, Wolverton, Milton Keynes. Tel.: 512181.

**MILLIGAN.** — Patricia Margaret, aged 43, on 8th February, 1978, peacefully at her home. Mourned by her husband, children Laura, Sean, Sue, Jane and Nanna Reid. Also her sister Ann Farrar and family. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

**MILLS, BERYL KATHLEEN.**—On February 7th, peacefully in Westminster Hospital, much loved sister of Dorothy and Norah.

**MORPHEW.**—On February 7th, quietly in Southampton General Hospital, Brigadier Guy Maudsley Trevor Morphew, of Trees, Hyde Fordingbridge. Father of Peter and Tony. Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday, 13th February, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to J. Shering, Fordingbridge.

**PHILIPPE.**—On 6th February, 1978, Felicie May Philippe of 12a Vicarage Court, Kensington Church Street, London, W.8.

**POTTS.**—On February 7th, 1978, after a short illness borne with great courage at County End, Spriggs Holly, Chinnor, Oxon, formerly of Singapore, Gordon Alan Potts, O.B.E., M.C., beloved husband of the late Dorothy, much loved father of Thomas, father-in-law of Anna and adored grandfather of Jenny, Marianne and Daniel. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chinnor, on Friday, 10th February, at 1.30 p.m.

**REYNISH.**—On February 5th, Dorothy M. Reynish, of Parkstone and Ifield Park, aged 93. Friends' Meeting at Crawley Crematorium, February 13th, at 3.15. Flowers to Chappell, High Street, Crawley, or donations to Ifield Park Housing Society Limited, Crawley, Sussex.

**SHACKLETON.**—On 4th February, 1978, Alice Maud, aged 81, of Haslemere Avenue, Ealing, W.13, widow of John Lancelot Shackleton. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, on Friday, 10th February, at 3.20 p.m. Flowers may be sent to F. W. Paine Ltd., 2 Ham Street, Ham, Surrey.

**SHUTTLEWORTH.**—On 6th Feb. 1978, Doris Marianne Sims, peacefully at the home of her daughter in London, widow of the Rev. Richard Charles Shuttleworth, and beloved mother of Monica and Noel. Funeral service Leeds Parish Church, 11 a.m. Saturday, 11 Feb. Committal service All Saints Church, Ripley, near Harrogate, 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Wm. Dodgson & Son, Lupton Avenue, Leeds 9, or donations to Treasurer, Leeds Parish Church.

**STALLWOOD.**—On February 6th, 1978, suddenly and peacefully at home, Frank Stallwood, C.M.G., O.B.E., beloved husband of Cora and father of Michael and Veronica. Private funeral. Family flowers only.

**STRATTON.**—On February 4th, 1978, suddenly but very peacefully, Sarah Victoria, darling wife of Desmond and loving mother of Hupert and Victoria. Funeral service Beaulieu Abbey on Friday, February 10th, at 2.30. Flowers to Langham Brown, Lymington.

**WARDLE.**—On Tuesday, February 7th, 1978, after a long illness courageously fought, Mildred Dent of the Old Forge, Woodborough, Nottingham. Beloved wife of the late Christopher and mother of Caroline and Charles. Funeral to be held at St. Swithun's Church, Woodborough, Nottingham, on Monday February 13th, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Vicarage for Woodborough Church and Cancer Research.

**WATKINS, THORA BEATRICE** (formerly Jacques nee Wells), suddenly and in peace on 6th February, 1978. Cremation on 14th February at Putney Vale. All enquiries to E. B. Ashton & Company, 96 Fulham Road, Chelsea, SW3. Tel.: 01-584 0079. Please, please, no letters.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

**O'CALLAGHAN.**—A memorial service for the late Major C. B. O'Callaghan, will be held at Nicholas's Church, Askham Bryan, York, on Saturday, 11th February, at 3 p.m.

**STONE.** A service of Remembrance for Sir Leonard Stone, O.B.E., Q.C., will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel, London, W.C.1, at 4.45 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February.

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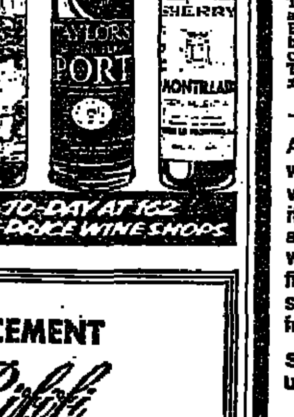
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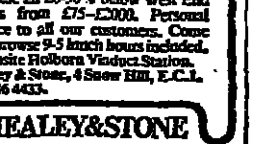
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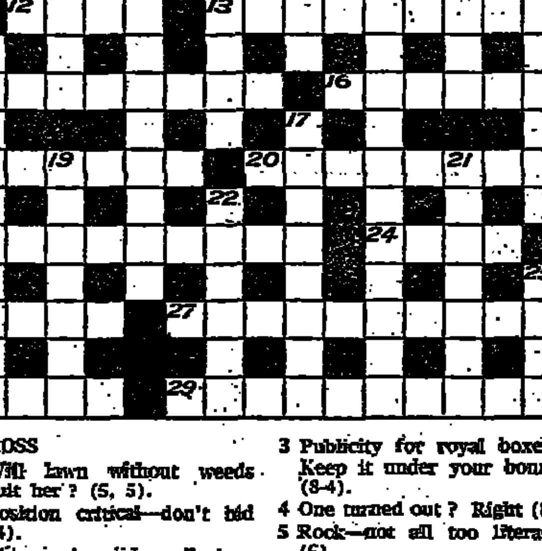
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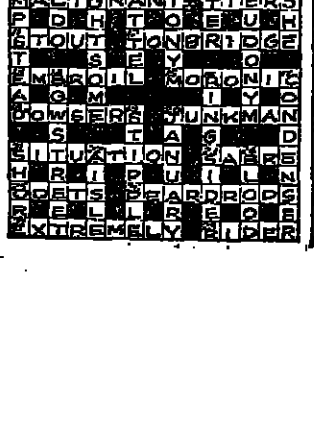
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ACROSS
1 Will lawn without weeds suit her? (5, 5).
6 Position critical—don't bid (4).
9 This marine did a mile in a canter perhaps? On the contrary (10).
10 Topless West Side Story girl's song (4).
12 Wolves playing rugger? (4).
13 Without power, without number—can't be maintained (9).
15 Lead-swingers ask mum not to desert them (8).
16 Military display also includes a race (6).
18 Bull's Bride—sort of upper-class opera (6).
20 Henry's fish-wife done in, going to Canterbury (8).
23 Hardy chap, Jude, behaved in such a dim way (9).
24 Sort of green, but wise (4).
26 Duck just avoided on the Spanish border (4).
27 Put your foot down, the Red Queen in other words exhorted Alice (10).
28 She died in song (4).
29 Leader has type reset again and again (10).

DOWN
1 Courageous, if lame (4).
2 Sounds as if the eldest son gets the post (3, 4).
3 Publicity for royal boxer? Keep it under your bonnet (8-4).
4 One turned out? Right (8).
5 Rock—not all too literally (6).
7 Bill on the small drum upset a tumbler (7).
8 With fish on the table emulate Old Man River (5-5).
11 Very hot on ancestry in prison (12).
14 Old as elms frequented by Tennyson's doves (10).
17 Rosalind as cupbearer (8).
19 Ring round, encircling two quarters (7).
21 With difficulty pullin' up Scrooge? (7).
22 Signal to sapper to speak of salvation (6).
25 Turkish governor's seen about five beauties! (4).

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